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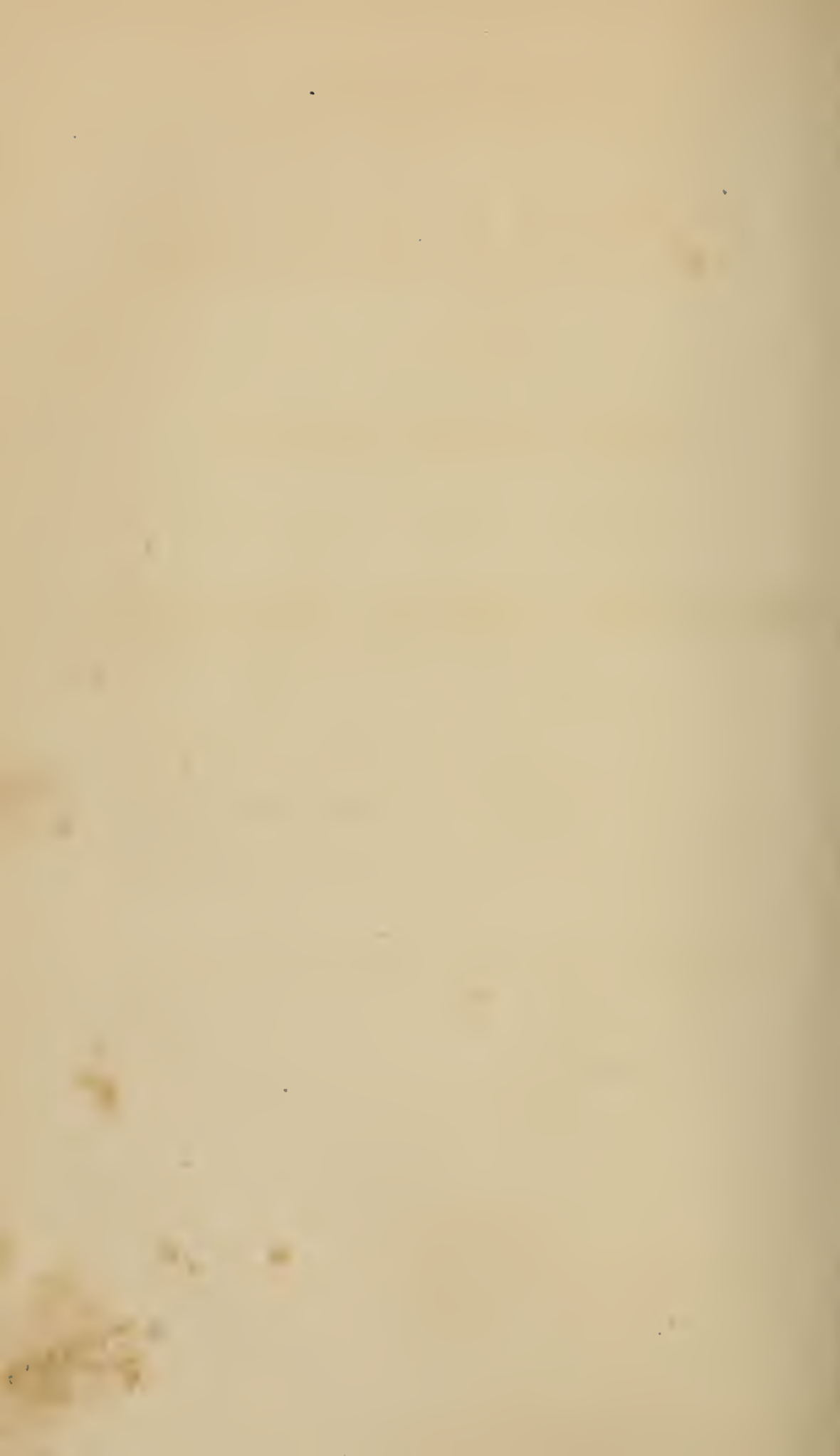
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OF THE

Mercantile Library Association

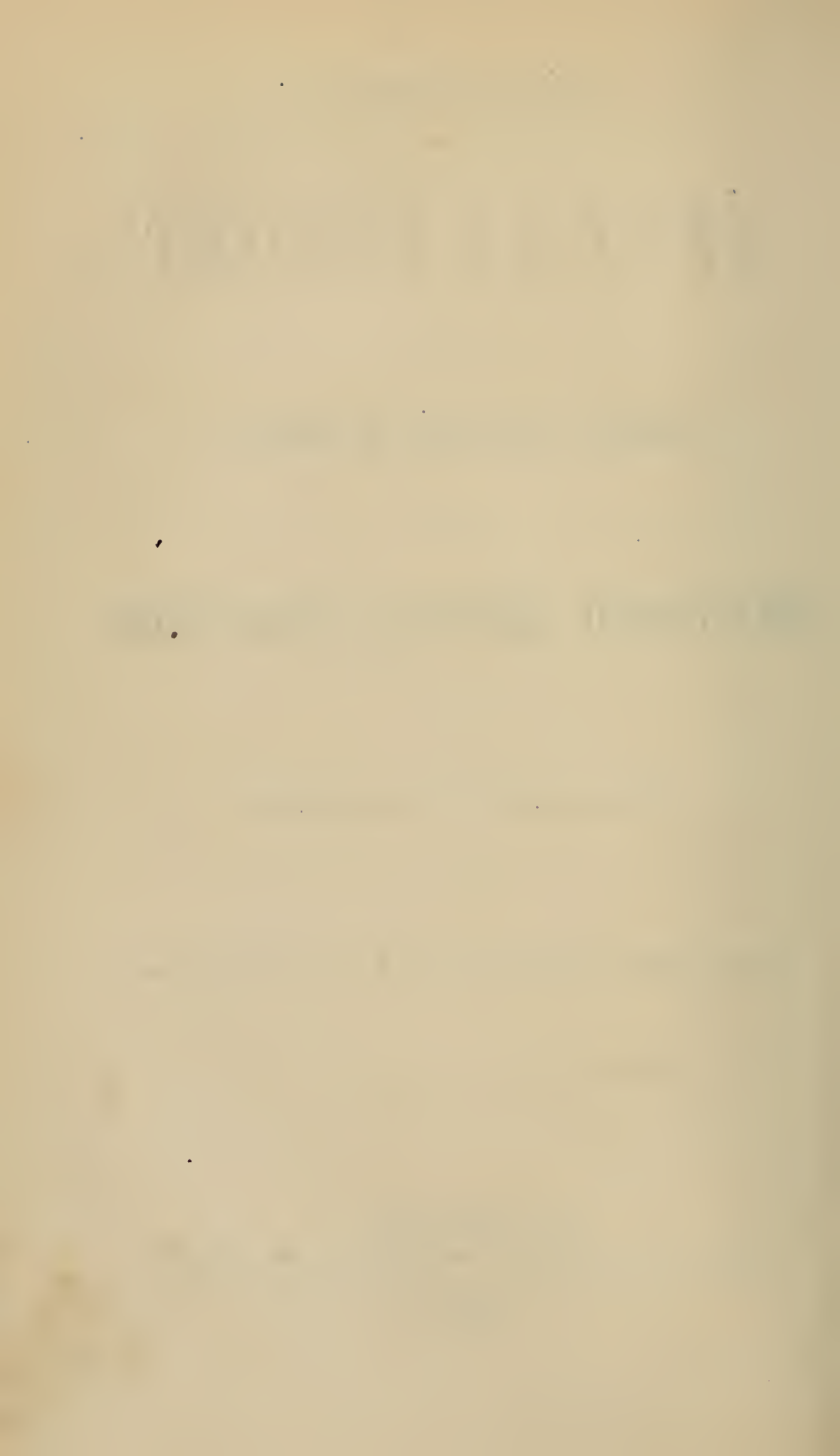
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PRESIDENT :
HORACE DAVIS.

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JAS. McMECHAN.

Librarian :
H. H. MOORE.

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D. E. WEBB.

Collector :
J. J. TAYKER.

Janitor :
J. A. HAUGH.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION :—

It is with unfeigned pleasure, though mixed with some uneasiness about my many shortcomings, that I meet you to-night to render an account of my stewardship as your President. I trust, therefore, that you will overlook any imperfections in this the Eleventh Annual Report of the Association, which I now present for your approval.

On assuming office, a decade of years had rolled along since the establishment of the Library. These ten years closed its career under the old Constitution and By-Laws passed under the then existing Act of Incorporation. It seems to me, therefore, not unfit to review that career, which I shall attempt to do in a few words.

At the end of the first official year of the Association, I find the receipts from all sources to have amounted to \$10,-858.50; the number of volumes in the Library numbered fifteen hundred; there were three hundred and ninety-two members contributing to its support, and three thousand three hundred and seventy-one volumes were taken out by them during the year. Let me compare this with the state of affairs at the end of ten years, and I find that, in round numbers, the receipts have increased fifty per cent., the number of volumes in the Library one thousand per cent., the list of members, de-

ducting delinquent shareholders, four hundred per cent., and the number of volumes drawn from the Library one thousand per cent. The latter item, particularly, shows a healthy state of the Association, as books, without being used, are not calculated to effect much good. If I compare this increase with the growth of our ever-growing city, I cannot hesitate a moment to assert that the Association has far outstripped our metropolis, which is very complimentary to the enterprise of its members. Let us hope that with the increased facilities obtained under the new Act of Incorporation, the Library may continue and even surpass its past career of usefulness, supplying the wants of our steadily increasing population.

I shall now lay before you, under their appropriate heads, a statement of what the Board of Trustees have done during the past year, and make a few comments on this, as well as on what they have omitted to do, to which I would respectfully call the attention of the incoming Board.

In reviewing the different subjects that claim our attention, I have departed from the usual order, and select, as of first importance,

BOOKS.

I commence with these as claiming most of our attention, as I believe the very existence of the Association depends on a judicious selection of new works issued from the press. Our well covered shelves attest the assiduity of the committee having the purchase of books in charge. We have not been obliged to order any books from abroad or the Atlantic cities, as our city possesses now every facility for obtaining on as good terms all that is wanted for the Library, thereby at the same time patronizing and fostering home enterprise. Upon entering on our official duties, we found that this plan had been

adopted by the previous Board, and, as it had worked well, we saw no reason to change the mode of replenishing the Library. Several of our stationers now import by every steamer all the new works issued from the press of the country.

From the Librarian's report, you will observe that, during the past year, fifteen hundred and fourteen volumes have been added to the Library. Very few of great note have been purchased, as only a limited number have been published during the year.

Donations of books have fallen off the year past, probably for the reason that members think the Library strong enough to purchase all it wants.

The number of books drawn from the Library during the year show an increase over last year of four thousand two hundred and thirty-eight, which is a large one on the two previous years.

A number of duplicate and worn-out volumes, as well as some old magazines, have been donated by the Board to our public hospitals, prisons, etc., where they are calculated to supply an important want without any detriment to the Association.

The periodicals and foreign newspapers are now furnished by Mr. J. W. Sullivan, under contract with the Library.

FINANCES.

Several of my respected predecessors, I find upon examination, report a cash balance on hand on entering upon office, which was absorbed, however, by unpaid bills, left over by the outgoing administration. To spare this unpleasant duty to my successor, all outstanding bills against the Association contracted by us have been paid, and we leave a cash balance on hand of \$3,589.13.

The Treasurer's report shows a gratifying increase in the revenue of the Library over that of last year, principally derived from quarterly dues of new members, while the expenses have increased immaterially.

As it is evident that the monthly receipts will suffice to pay the current expenses and leave sufficient for the purchase of the necessary books for some time to come, I beg respectfully to recommend, that the greater portion of what is now in the treasury, say \$3,000, be appropriated for a building fund. The Committee of Ways and Means, or a committee formed for that special purpose, might be instructed to loan or invest this sum securely until it is wanted for the purpose of buying a lot for the future erection of a Library building. The importance of forming a nucleus for a fund of that kind will be obvious to you.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our list of members in the last annual report appears as follows :

Life Members.....	104	
Honorary Members.....	71	
Shareholders delinquent.....	429	
Shareholders paying dues.....	191	
Subscribing Members.....	991	
	<hr/>	1786
Deduct for delinquent Shareholders, who have lost their rights under our re-incorporation.....	429	
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Leaves a membership at beginning of the year of..		1357
We have lost out of these during the year :		
By withdrawal.....	236	
By removal from city.....	127	
By death.....	11	
	<hr/>	374
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Leaves of old members at the end of the year.....		983

We have gained during the year :

Life Members.....	3	
Subscribing Members.....	449	
	<hr/>	452

Which makes our total membership at present as follows :

Life Members.....	107	
Honorary Members.....	71	
Subscribing Members.....	1257	
	<hr/>	1435

Or a net gain over last year of 78 members.

I should mention here that the usual mode of making new members at the polls for election purposes was not resorted to at the last election, and can congratulate you, therefore, that the increase of members exhibited is a healthy and permanent one.

We have to deplore the loss of ex-President J. W. White, Esq., from our list of honorary members during the year. Providence removed him from our midst in the prime of life and usefulness. The Association, upon his decease, passed complimentary resolutions, and a number of the members paid the last respects to his remains by attending his funeral in a body.

ROOMS.

The lease under which we occupy these rooms has yet two years to run, at the expiration of which time I hope the Association will have made provision for a building of its own.

Some complaint having been lodged with the committee in charge of the rooms that the gas lights were insufficient, a number of new burners were placed in some of them. The gas fixtures were thoroughly overhauled, defective pipes relaid, original defects remedied, and all complaint from that source

has now ceased. The rooms have also been thoroughly renovated, the walls whitened, the furniture cleaned and re-varnished, and are now in perfect order. Other repairs have mainly been made at the expense of the owner of the premises, and an abundant supply of water furnished in the rear of the building. This has been done under a provision of our lease, which has only been enforced within the last month, thereby greatly improving the comfort and convenience of the members.

LECTURES.

The Lecture Committee during the past year has been unable to secure a course of lectures for the Association.

It was feared that to invite gentlemen living amongst us, who, though of unquestioned talent, had been drawn upon so frequently, would only be regarded as a means of improving the finances of the Library, as, in many cases, such lectures had not heretofore met the support nor secured the attendance of the members. For this reason, the plan of a series from resident lecturers was rejected by the Board.

The Lecture Committee opened then a correspondence with some prominent lecturers in the Atlantic cities, but, in every case, the invitation was unsuccessful.

I must confess I do not altogether absolve the committee from blame for their want of success. I notice in an annual report of one of my predecessors, the lamented J. W. White, Esq., some remarks on this subject, which I respectfully recommend for perusal to the Lecture Committee of the incoming Board.

DONATIONS.

For these, the Association is indebted to the following gentlemen :

To Sidney V. Smith, Esq., for the complete works of Voltaire, best edition ; 13 volumes, royal octavo, bound in morocco.

To Messrs. James Anthony & Co., and Dr. A. S. Taylor, for manuscript and printed copy of Taylor's Bibliography of California, in folio, and bound in gilt turkey morocco.

To our Representatives in Congress for valuable public documents.

Our thanks are also due to the U. S. Government for a donation of all the public documents printed during the last year.

INSURANCE.

The constantly increasing value of the Library has caused us to procure additional insurance, and the property is now insured as follows: Hartford, San Francisco, Liverpool and London, Home, Merchants, Relief, Manhattan, and Ætna for \$5,000 each, making a total of \$40,000; which amount, in case of accident, would hardly replace the property belonging to the Association, which is the object sought in insuring.

OFFICERS.

Edward F. Hall, jr., Esq., one of our Directors, was called away on business from the city for several months, for which reason he sent in his resignation. The vacancy was filled by electing H. D. Oliphant, Esq., in his stead.

Mr. H. H. Moore, Librarian, and D. E. Webb, Assistant Librarian, continuing to discharge their respective duties to the entire satisfaction of the Board, were consequently retained in their official positions.

J. J. Tayker continues to act as Collector; and, on the resignation of C. H. Canfield, the Janitor, the Board elected

John A. Haugh for that position, who continues to act in that capacity to the satisfaction of the Board. The duties of the latter office have become so arduous, that the Board has seen fit to increase his salary to \$100 a month.

All the employees have discharged their duties with a degree of fidelity and industry worthy of all commendation.

LIBRARY BUILDING.

The principal obstacle to securing a building for the Library owned by the corporation has been removed by the re-incorporation of the Association. The act of the Legislature forfeiting unpaid shares has done away with any danger that defunct stockholders, who have not paid dues for years, should ever claim any interest in a building which the Association might erect for its own use. Hence it depends entirely upon your own exertions, gentlemen, to erect a building worthy of the Mercantile Library of the Metropolis of the Pacific. The carrying out of this measure has been the wish and recommendation of every presiding officer of your Association.

I have already stated in my remarks on the finances of the Association, how the ball may be set rolling.

The Board of Trustees have also passed a resolution appropriating all funds derived from life memberships for the creation of a building fund. But this has no binding effect on our successors in office, unless it is seconded by you, or made a constitutional provision, which I would earnestly recommend.

If this measure is once started, I consider the progress comparatively easy. A number of gentlemen, now subscribing members, will at once become life members, if they can be assured that the funds derived therefrom will be kept sacred for a building fund; and no doubt a number of sub-

scriptions for that purpose may be procured from our principal business houses, when they see that the Association is in earnest with this enterprise.

It remains therefore with you, gentlemen, to act in this matter, and build a monument to your enterprise as enduring, I hope, as the city we live in.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

During the last year we have kept an advertisement in the principal papers of this city, and in the *Sacramento Union*, setting forth the advantages of the Library, terms of membership, etc., which has exerted a very beneficial effect, by procuring a number of new members. I would recommend that this plan should be continued during the next year. I would also suggest that the new Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the Association be printed for distribution to its members.

CONSTITUTION AND AMENDMENTS.

Instead of having to report any amendments to the Constitution, it is with feelings of pride and satisfaction that I point to the re-incorporation of the Mercantile Library Association, under a new law passed by our last Legislature at the request of the Board of Directors. The vexed question as to the respective interests of shareholders and members has presented itself to successive Boards, and there seemed to be no hope under then existing laws that this difficulty would ever be disposed of. Hence our action in this matter.

These difficulties have now all been removed by the new bill passed, for which the Association is mainly indebted to the exertions of W. M. Pierson, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Incorporation, who framed most of the provisions of the

bill. For this service, without any remuneration, the thanks of the Association are due to him.

I will now proceed to point out some of the prominent features of the new act under which we are now incorporated.

First. It places shareholders and subscribing members on the same footing, as far as their rights to the Library are concerned. Before the passage of this act, the whole property of the Association was legally vested in the shareholders, (some of whom had not paid any dues for years,) and subject to their disposal at any time; while the subscribing members, twice as numerous, had no voice in the matter.

As the property of the Association was acquired by contributions from both, it was therefore only just, as well as essential to safety against danger of future litigation, that both should be equally interested. This object has been attained by the new act, which vests the entire property of the Association in Trustees, for the benefit of all the members, instead of some six hundred shareholders. The shares of stock were floating valueless through the community. But in order to avoid any State-constitutional objections to this measure, it was provided that all shareholders should be allowed to protest against it within a stated time, if they should deem it necessary. Only two such protests were filed, and they have been compromised. Any shareholder wishing to become a life member, is made so on payment of \$75, while others have to pay \$100; making the shares not entirely valueless.

Second. It exempts all the property of the Association, present as well as future, from taxation, on the condition of the proper affidavit being made by the President.

Third. Under its provisions the Board of Trustees are empowered to prohibit voting by proxy; an evil which has

frequently been sought to be restrained, but, until this act, without success.

I need hardly say that all the three provisions mentioned above are incorporated in our new Constitution, which throughout confers greater powers on the Board of Trustees than the Board of Directors possessed under the old Constitution, and which are really essential to the welfare of the Library. One of these, for instance, is the power to sell and dispose of worthless and duplicate books encumbering our shelves and crowding out more valuable and useful works. An application was made in the beginning of the year, by the resident physician of one of our hospitals, for worn-out and worthless books and magazines for the use of the patients; which request had to be refused, as the old Constitution did not empower the Board to donate, dispose of, or sell, any of the property of the Library.

The attainments of these objects had been for years the solicitude of the Association, but, up to the time we entered into office, no feasible plan had been proposed. I think, therefore, I shall not lay myself open to the charge of claiming too much for the Board going out of office, when I aver that the past year will prove to be one of the most eventful in the history of the Library.

ELECTION.

The following officers were elected at the annual election, the 18th inst.:

<i>President</i>	HORACE DAVIS.
<i>Vice-President</i>	G. W. BELL.
<i>Treasurer</i>	J. M. SHOTWELL.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	L. S. PEASE.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	W. HARNEY.

Trustees :

W. M. NOYES,	W. WADHAMS,	J. H. WILDS,
GEO. T. HAWLEY,	DR. J. Y. LIND,	W. H. ELDREDGE,
JOHN F. POPE,	J. W. COX,	JAS. MCMECHAN.

Before resigning the charge entrusted to my care, I beg to impress upon you again the importance of not flagging in interest in the enterprise you have undertaken. The future of your Association is a glorious one; it is the only institution of note in this city, open to all, that furnishes mental food for its inhabitants, which will count hundreds of thousands during the next decade of years.

The youth of our city resort to your Library in search of that information and mental culture which will fit them to become men. Let this important trust be discharged as becomes a body of men of your intelligence, and all is well. We have done well so far, let us do better even in the future.

In closing, it gives me pleasure to testify to the zeal for the Association manifested by my associates in office. I feel under many obligations to them for the forbearance shown me as their presiding officer, and have no doubt they will all second me when I state that any faults committed by us during our administration have been those of the head and not of the heart.

ALBERT MILLER.

SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY, 1864.

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TREASURER OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Balance on hand 27th January, 1863..... \$ 3,447 78

R E C E I P T S .

Quarterly Dues received from members.....	\$13,417 00
Initiation Fees from new members.....	834 00
Life Memberships from three members.....	275 00
Books sold, lost by members and paid by them.....	40 75
Catalogues sold.....	35 00

Total receipts for the year..... \$14,601 75

\$18,049 53

E X P E N D I T U R E S .

Library account,—for books, periodicals, etc.....	\$2,864 21
Expense account,—rent, gas, fuel, etc.....	4,993 13
Salaries of Librarian and Assistants.....	5,533 75
Furniture purchased.....	351 21
Insurance.....	577 35
Printing.....	140 75

Total expenditures for the year..... \$14,460 40

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer..... 3,589 13

\$18,049 53

F. W. MACONDRAY, *Treasurer.*

San Francisco, January 27th, 1864.

LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ROOMS, }
San Francisco, January 25th, 1864. }

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION :

I have the honor of submitting to you the following report of the statistics and operations of the Library and Reading Rooms from the date of my last Annual Report (January 28th, 1863), to the present time.

The number of books loaned from the Library during the year was 35,702, which were classified as follows, viz. :

Romance.....	25,580 vols.	Belles-Lettres	1,763 vols.
Biography	2,079 "	Poetry.....	676 "
Travels	1,971 "	Religion	346 "
History	1,534 "	Bound Periodicals.....	119 "
Science.....	1,383 "	Miscellaneous.....	560 "

Making an increase of 4,328 above the number loaned during the preceding year.

There were 1,514 volumes added to the Library during the year, which added to 16,106 (the number reported last year), would make the number to report at present in the Library 17,620 ; but, as this sum is arrived at by counting our enumeration of classes, from which those lost, sold, or worn out, were not deducted, I should therefore estimate the total number in the Library, and fit for use, at about one thousand less, or 16,620.

In the course of the year the Association has been presented with many valuable books, Works of Art, etc., etc., by the following gentlemen, associations, etc. :

Government of the United States,	Joseph Heco,
City of San Francisco,	W. C. Kibbe,
Hon. F. F. Low,	Sidney V. Smith,
“ T. G. Phelps,	H. G. Langley,
“ A. A. Sargent,	H. H. Haight,
“ J. A. McDougall,	H. H. Baneroff & Co.,
“ M. S. Latham,	Joseph Hobart,
“ P. H. Burnett,	J. S. Hall,
“ J. Russell Bartlett,	Dr. A. B. Stout,
“ A. A. Tuttle,	Dr. G. M. Bourne,
“ J. S. Hittell,	H. R. de La Reintrie,
“ T. McColliam,	Lucian Skinner,
“ J. W. Cherry,	J. S. Austin,
S. J. Bridges,	A. S. Rosenfeld,
J. M. Wolf,	H. M. Whitney,
Capt. T. Gray,	T. G. Cary,
F. D. Carlton,	H. Carlton, jr.,
Jas. Anthony & Co.,	R. M. Goddard,
Capt. J. H. Bell,	D. P. Belknap.

The whole number of members at present belonging to the Association is 1,435; of whom 107 are Life Members, 71 Honorary Members, and 1,257 Subscribing Members. This shows a net increase of 75 members during the year.

The following gentlemen became Life Members in the course of the year : James Street, Albert Miller, and Thos. Breeze.

Respectfully,

H. H. MOORE, *Librarian.*

TABULAR STATISTICS,

Showing the progress of the Mercantile Library Association, from its organization, in January, 1853, to January, 1864.

1853.	Receipts.....	\$10,858 50	Expenditures.....	\$10,726 51
1854.	".....	13,387 30	".....	11,838 02
1855.	".....	9,015 85	".....	8,747 96
1856.	".....	10,300 00	".....	8,989 27
1857.	".....	11,777 87	".....	12,474 73
1858.	".....	12,089 15	".....	11,704 09
1859.	".....	16,854 82	".....	19,045 16
1860.	".....	15,604 50	".....	16,482 20
1861.	".....	15,852 98	".....	15,112 22
1862.	".....	15,333 26	".....	13,506 79
1863.	".....	14,601 75	".....	14,460 40

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

1853.	No. of Volumes at the commencement of the year.....	1,500
1854.	".....	2,705
1855.	".....	3,315
1856.	".....	3,833
1857.	".....	6,135
1858.	".....	8,447
1859.	".....	10,066
1860.	".....	11,485
1861.	".....	13,821
1862.	".....	14,985
1863.	".....	15,106
1864.	".....	16,620

INCREASE OF MEMBERS.

1854.	No. of Members at the commencement of the year.....	392
1855.	".....	552
1856.	".....	550
1857.	".....	1,250
1858.	".....	1,176
1859.	".....	1,319
1860.	".....	1,817
1861.	".....	1,694
1862.	".....	1,725
1863.	".....	1,786
1864.	".....	1,435

OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

1854.	No. of Volumes taken out.....	3,371
1855.	".....	8,367
1856.	".....	10,466
1857.	".....	17,528
1858.	".....	17,321
1859.	".....	21,903
1860.	".....	25,757
1861.	".....	31,955
1862.	".....	31,464
1863.	".....	35,702

OFFICERS—PAST AND PRESENT.

OFFICERS FOR 1853—'54.

President.....D. S. Turner.

Vice-President.....J. P. Haven.

Recording Secretary.....W. H. Stevens.

Corresponding Secretary.....Dr. H. Gibbons.

Treasurer.....C. E. Bowers, jr.

Directors—E. E. Dunbar, J. B. Crockett, E. P. Flint, D. H. Haskell.

Librarian.....W. D. Bickman.

Assistant.....J. J. Tayker.

OFFICERS FOR 1854—'55.

President.....D. S. Turner.

Vice-President.....H. Channing Beals.

Recording Secretary.....W. H. Stevens.

Corresponding Secretary.....F. A. Woodworth.

Treasurer.....C. L. Strong.

Directors—W. R. Wadsworth, P. A. Roach, J. H. Purkitt, E. P. Flint, F. S. Hawley, W. MacMichael, D. Olyphant Vail, A. G. Randall, J. H. Gardner.

Librarian.....Horace Davis.

Assistant.....J. J. Tayker.

OFFICERS FOR 1855—'56.

<i>President</i>	Henry M. Hale.
<i>Vice-President</i>	W. H. Stevens.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	J. H. Gardiner.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	F. A. Woodworth.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Speer Riddell.

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<i>Librarian</i>	E. De Sola.
<i>Assistant</i>	J. J. Tayker.

OFFICERS FOR 1856—'57.

<i>President</i>	F. A. Woodworth.
<i>Vice-President</i>	E. H. Washburn.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	W. C. Hyde.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	E. H. Howard.
<i>Treasurer</i>	W. R. Garrison.

Directors—J. G. Kittle, J. H. Coghill, H. D. Oliphant, C. J. Dempster, H. D. Walbridge, T. J. L. Smiley, W. J. Balley, J. A. Donohoe, G. H. Kellogg.

<i>Librarian</i>	H. H. Moore.
<i>Assistant</i>	J. J. Tayker.

OFFICERS FOR 1857—'58.

<i>President</i>	Ira P. Rankin.
<i>Vice-President</i>	Andrew W. McKee.
<i>Recording Secretary</i> ...	H. D. Oliphant.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	J. M. Shotwell.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jules David.

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Librarian H. H. Moore.

Assistants D. E. Webb, J. J. Tayker.

OFFICERS FOR 1858—'59.

President..... E. H. Washburn.

Vice-President..... Jos. A. Donohoe.

Recording Secretary..... Samuel Hubbard.

Corresponding Secretary..... B. Watkins Leigh.

Treasurer..... Jos. M. Shotwell.

Directors—A. L. Tubbs, C. H. Raymond, Thomas S. Miller, Jos. S. Paxson, Julius K. Rose, Albert Miller, R. B. Swain, P. T. Southworth, Jacob B. Moore.

Librarian H. H. Moore.

Assistants D. E. Webb, J. J. Tayker.

OFFICERS FOR 1859—'60.

President..... D. C. McRuer.

Vice-President..... H. Carlton, jr.

Recording Secretary..... Henry C. Lee.

Corresponding Secretary..... Edward J. Pringle.

Treasurer T. C. Banks.

Directors—F. A. Holman, J. C. Stone, E. J. Muygridge, Joshua Barker, J. W. White, Henry M. Haight, J. B. Swasey, S. C. Bigelow, Joseph Hobart.

Librarian H. H. Moore.

Assistants D. E. Webb, J. J. Tayker.

OFFICERS FOR 1860—'61.

<i>President</i>	Wm. H. Stevens.
<i>Vice-President</i>	Wm. R. Garrison.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	R. B. Swain.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Edward Hunt.
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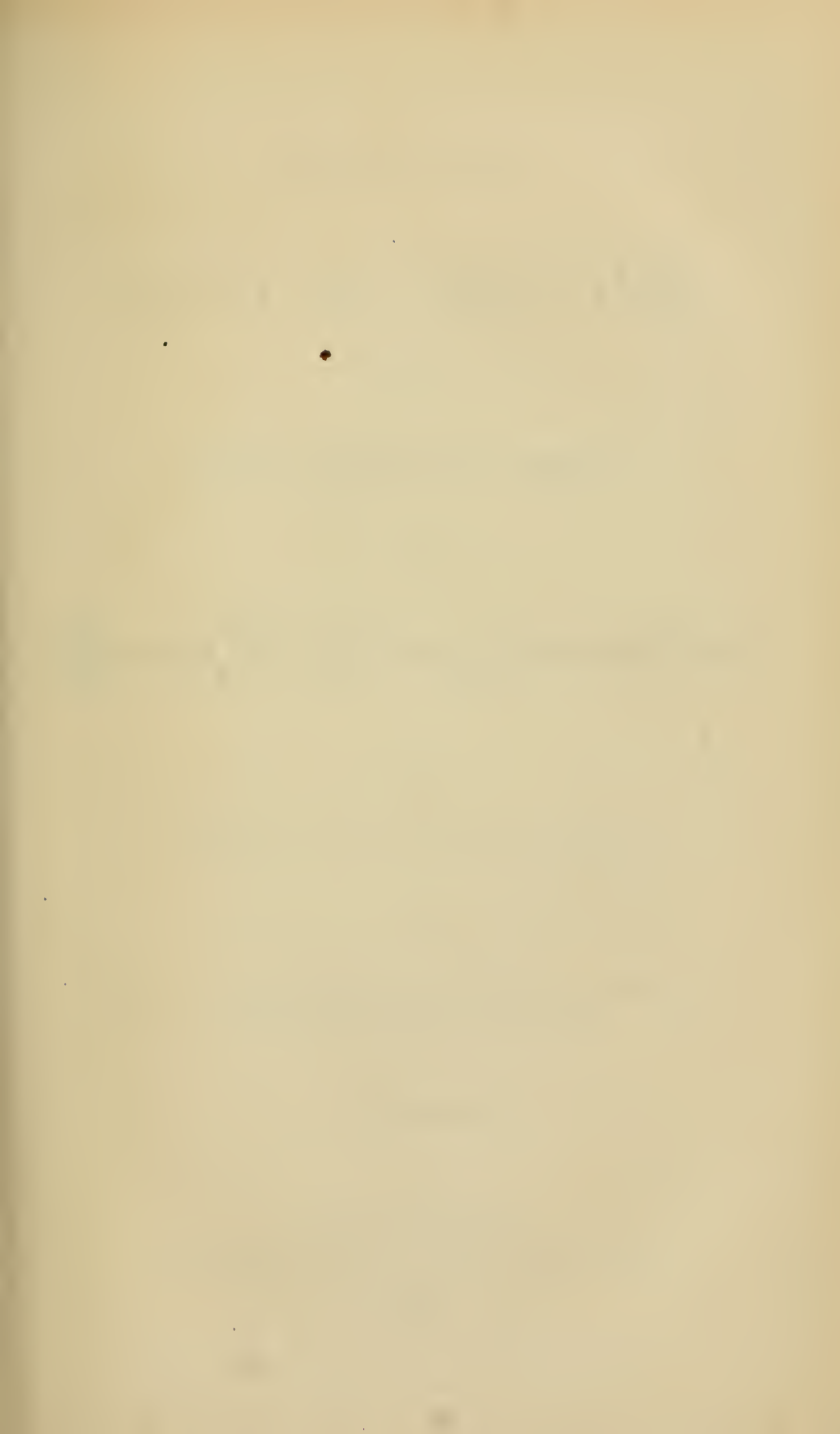
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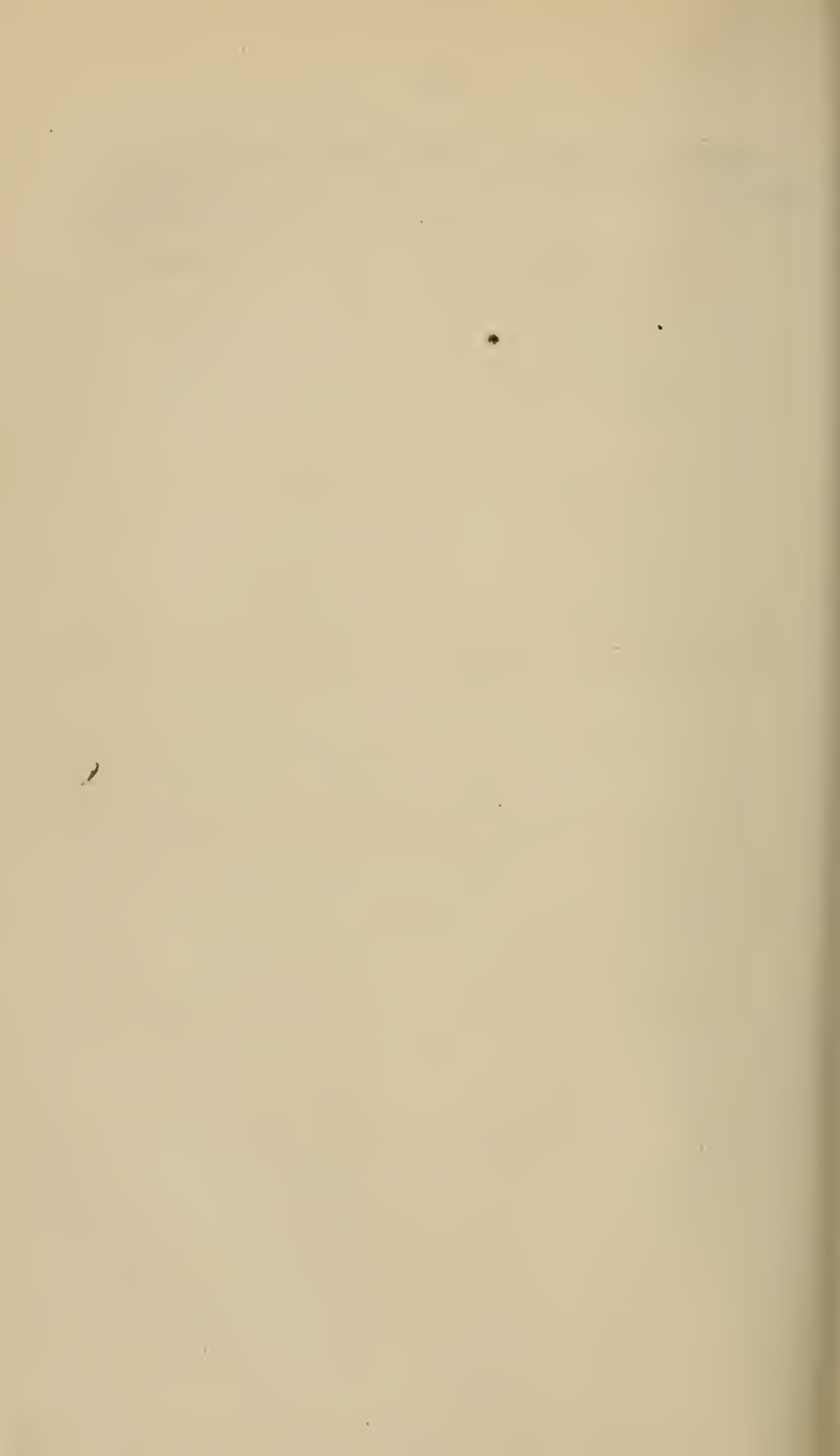
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT, TREASURER AND LIBRARIAN

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association

OF THE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

WITH

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND STATISTICS, ETC.,
OF THE INSTITUTION FROM THE COMMENCEMENT.



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Books and Donations.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERCANTILE

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO :—

In compliance with the Constitution, I beg to submit to you the Twelfth Annual Report of the condition of the Association, and its progress during the past year.

At your annual election in January, 1864, Horace Davis, Esq., was elected President of the Association.

Early in his administration he left us for the Eastern States, upon leave of absence, granted by the Board of Trustees, as it was then supposed for a short time only.

Circumstances prolonged his stay beyond his expectation, he forwarded his resignation to the Board, which, after considerable time, was with great reluctance accepted.

His duties, by virtue of constitutional provision, devolved upon your humble servant, and, as every act since those duties were assumed has been performed with a strict and conscientious regard for the welfare and prosperity of the Association, I will not apologize for faults or errors of my own.

My first duty is to accord to the retiring officers and members of the Board of Trustees, the credit for the prosperity of the Association for the past year.

They have all been watchful over your interests, untiring in the performance of their duties, and anxiously seeking to increase your facilities in every department.

The improvements in the Library and Reading Room give proof of the fidelity with which the Committee on Library and Rooms have performed their duty. Other improvements have been under consideration, but the limited space now occupied by the Association has prevented their consummation.

MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members by last annual report was :

Life Members.....	107	
Honorary Members.....	71	
Subscribing Members.....	1,257	
		———— 1,435

We have lost during the year by withdrawal, removal from the city, and by death.....	377	
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Leaving the balance against report of last year....	1,058	
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We have gained during the year :

Life Members.....	3	
Honorary Members.....	3	
Subscribing Members.....	586	
		———— 592

Our present number is.....	1,650	
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Showing an increase of 215 members during the year
classified as follows :

Life Members.....	110	
Honorary Members.....	74	
Subscribing Members.....	1466	
		———— 1,650

The number of visitors introduced by members of the Association was 547. The introduction entitles the visitor to the privileges of the Library and Reading Room for one month.

BOOKS.

By report of the Librarian last year it appeared that the whole number of books in the library was.....17,620 Vols.

Additions during the past year.....1,401 “

Total.....19,021 “

During the year donations have been made of duplicate and worn books, of no value to the Association, to the following:—Stockton Insane Asylum; Seaman's Home; Home of the Inebriate; Presidio and Benicia Barracks; Provost Guard; Marine and City Hospital, and State Prison, San Quentin.....926 Vols.

Leaving now upon our shelves.....18,095 “

The number of volumes added is smaller than that reported last year by 113 volumes.

The Board of Trustees have remitted to Horace Davis, Esq., five hundred Dollars in coin, with catalogue of standard works such as cannot be purchased here. They are yet without advices from him as to the extent of his purchases.

The Committee on Books have given that department the greatest care in their selections.

The whole number of volumes drawn during the year was 40,136, classified as follows:—

Romance.....	28,178
Biography.....	2,387
Travels.....	2,088
History.....	1,736
Science.....	1,419
Belles Lettres.....	2,232
Poetry.....	944
Religion.....	417
Periodicals.....	154
Miscellany.....	581

Showing an increase over former year of 4,434 Vols.

DONATIONS.

The Association has received many valuable Donations, which are acknowledged at length in the report of the Librarian. I desire, however, to notice particularly the following :

From S. P. DEWEY, Esq.—Bust of Benjamin Franklin, cut in Carrara marble, by Menconi, with ornamental composition pedestal. Also, twenty-four portraits in oil, of distinguished male and female characters in history ; ornamental gilt frames.

From G. H. HOWARD, Esq.—Masterpieces of Industrial Art, at the Great Exhibition in London, 1862. Three volumes folio, splendidly bound in emblematical gilt Turkey morocco.

I have been advised of several other valuable presents, intended for the Association, which have not yet reached us.

By the will of the late AMOS GALE, filed in the Probate Court April 8th, 1864, the Association is bequeathed the sum of one thousand dollars, to be applied towards the purchase of a lot.

This bequest is made from money to be derived from mining interests in Placer County, belonging to the deceased.

LECTURES.

In September last, a course of three lectures was delivered before the Association, the first since 1862.

Two of the lectures were delivered by the Rev. H. W. BELLOWES.

First lecture, Sept. 10. Subject : "The Ledger and the Lexicon ; or, Business and Literature in account with American Education."

Second lecture, Sept. 20. Subject : "The fallacies of Freemen, the foes of Liberty."

The third and last lecture by W. H. L. BARNES, Esq., Sept. 29. Subject : "Public Opinion."

Financially, the course was a benefit to the Association, netting to the treasury the sum of \$428.60.

The thanks of the Association are particularly due to Mr. Barnes, as his lecture was gratuitously given, and deserved a better attendance than greeted him.

The Lecture Committee are entitled to great credit for their exertions in getting up the course, and the friends of the Association to everlasting gratitude for their prompt response, when called upon for funds.

INSURANCE.

The property of the Association is insured for forty thousand dollars, in the following named companies.

Fireman's Fund, San Francisco,.....	\$5,000
Hartford Insurance Co., Hartford,.....	5,000
San Francisco Insurance Co., San Francisco,....	5,000
Merchants' Insurance Co., Hartford,.....	5,000
Ætna Insurance Co., Hartford.....	5,000
Pacific Insurance Co., San Francisco,.....	5,000
Liverpool and London Insurance Co.,.....	5,000
Columbia Insurance Co., New York,.....	5,000

It will be for the incoming Board of Trustees to decide whether the amount of insurance is sufficient for the safety of the property of the Association in case of accident.

ROOMS.

The lease of the rooms now occupied has one more year to run. I trust before that time expires, permanent or prospective arrangements will be made for your accommodation.

LOT AND BUILDING.

This subject has been frequently discussed. The Board of

Trustees have used every effort to bring the matter into shape, that some definite report might be made at this time.

They have not been able to accomplish the object so much desired.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

I desire to bring to your notice and consideration for amendment, Article VI, Section 1st of the Constitution.

The article and section provides for the election of stated officers and *nine Trustees, annually.*

If the article can be so amended as to increase or decrease the number, making it an even number of Trustees to be elected, and one half elected annually, it will leave the other half familiar with their duties. Matters of interest and importance to the Association would not be so easily lost sight of, as might be if an entire new Board should be annually elected.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's Report of last year gave a balance in the treasury of\$3,589 13

The receipts have been during the year

from all sources, viz. :

Assessments from Members,14,829 00

Initiation of 587 Members, 1,174 00

Life Memberships, 300 00

Library Acct., Books lost and paid for, 105 90

Catalogues sold, 20 00

Receipts Course of Lectures, 1,212 22

————— \$21,230 25

EXPENDITURES.

Library Acct., Books purchased,\$3,590 58

Expense Acct., Rent, Fuel, Gas, &c.... 4,306 01

Carried forward, \$7,896 59

<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	\$7,896	59	
Salaries,.....	6,055	20	
Furniture Acct.,.....	521	28	
Printing,.....	257	50	
Insurance,	592	20	
Expenses Course of Lectures,.....	783	62	
Balance to New Account,.....	5,123	86	
	—————		\$21,230 25

There are bills outstanding for periodicals, illustrated papers, &c., due in New York, which may amount to five hundred dollars.

The Association was formerly supplied in this department by J. W. Sullivan, here. Arrangements have been made to a greater advantage to the Association, by receiving their supply directly from New York.

It was not the intention of the Board of Trustees to leave any of their liabilities for the new Board to protect, but it has been impossible to obtain their bills from New York in time for them to appear in the Treasurer's Report at this time.

OFFICERS.

The only change in the officers during the past year, was the resignation of HORACE DAVIS, Esq., President, which has been previously mentioned.

ELECTION.

At the annual election held on the 16th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

President,.....	G. W. BELL.
Vice-President,.....	C. WOLCOTT BROOKS.
Recording Secretary,.....	DAVID WILDER.
Corresponding Secretary,....	H. S. HOMANS.
Treasurer,.....	J. G. CLARK.

Trustees :

J. H. WILDES,	GEO. HEWSTON,	F. D. KELLOGG,
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ADAM T. GREEN,	ARTHUR M. EBBETS,	DANIEL ROGERS.

In conclusion, let me congratulate you on the improved state of your finances, the present proud position and the brilliant future of the Association.

Let me urge upon you individually the necessity of constant exertion to increase our membership. Let it be the determination of each of us to induce during the year at least one friend to become a member, to enjoy the privileges and advantages we offer.

Do not quiet down to an every-day routine, after the excitement of an election day ; for we can, without much effort, see the enviable position our Association would attain, should we all show a moderate degree of interest throughout the year.

The Constitution provides that there shall be stated general meetings of the Association. I regret to say, that it is almost impossible to obtain the constitutional quorum of ten members, that a meeting of the Association can be organized. This should not be. We should meet at least every quarter, exchange ideas, propose improvements, become better acquainted, enjoy more friendly intercourse with each other, and not be, as we are now to a great extent, strangers.

G. W. BELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19th, 1865.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 19th, 1865.

Cash on hand at commencement of year, January 25th, 1864,..... \$3,589 13

RECEIPTS.

Assessments of members for the year,.....	\$14,829 00	
Initiation Fees, of 587 new members,.....	1,174 00	
Life Memberships, 3 new members,.....	300 00	
Lectures, net proceeds, Course of 1864,.....	428 60	
Library account, Books lost and paid for,.....	105 90	
Catalogue account, for Catalogues sold,.....	20 00	
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		\$16,857 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Library account.—Expended for purchase of new books, magazines, periodicals, &c., and rebinding old books, ..	\$3,590 58	
Expense account.—Rent, fuel, gas, &c., &c.,.....	4,306 01	
Salaries of Librarian and Assistants,.....	6,055 20	
Furniture.—Expended for furnishing chess room, book shelves, &c.,.....	521 28	
Printing.—Expended during the year,.....	257 50	
Insurance Account.—Premium on \$40,000 on library, in various offices,.....	592 20	
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	\$15,322 77	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,.....	5,123 86	
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	\$20,446 63	\$20,446 63

J. M. SHOTWELL, *Treasurer.*

SAN FRANCISCO, January 19th, 1865.

LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ROOMS, }
San Francisco, January, 1865. }

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION :

I have the honor of submitting to you the following report of the statistics and operations of the Library and Reading Rooms, from the date of my last Annual Report, (January 25th, 1864,) to the present time.

The number of books loaned from the Library during the year was 40,136, which were classified as follows, viz. :

Romance,.....	28,178 vols.	Belles-Lettres.....	2,232 vols.
Biography.....	2,387 “	Poetry,	944 “
Travels,.....	2,088 “	Religion,	417 “
History,.....	1,736 “	Bound Periodicals.....	154 “
Science,.....	1,419 “	Miscellaneous,.....	581 “

Which is an increase of 4,434 volumes above the number reported as loaned during the preceding year.

There were 1,401 volumes added to the Library during the year ; but as 926 volumes were donated by the Board of Directors to various charitable institutions, would make the net increase in the Library 475, which added to the number, 17,620, reported last year, makes the Library number 18,095 volumes.

In the course of the year the Association has been presented

with many valuable books, works of art, curiosities, etc., by the following gentlemen, associations, etc. :

The State of California,	Squire P. Dewey,
The City of San Francisco,	C. A. Shourds,
Hon. J. A. McDougall,	A. Kastan,
“ John Conness,	H. O. Cannon,
“ C. Cole,	H. B. Platt,
“ T. B. Shannon,	Monroe Ashbury,
“ D. C. McRuer,	Jacob Underhill,
“ B. B. Redding,	United States Government,
“ J. R. Bartlett,	Smithsonian Institution,
“ C. C. Mix,	James Street,
Rev. F. C. Ewer,	J. J. Tayker,
“ S. H. Willey,	T. S. Muygridge,
“ H. A. Henry,	A. Gensoul,
J. Swett,	H. G. Langley,
H. H. Baneroft & Co.,	R. S. Clark,
E. De Crano,	T. F. Moss,
F. Butler,	Wm. Hooper,
W. Leffingwell.	Lawrence & Houseworth,
T. S. Parvin,	G. H. Howard,
J. H. Purkitt,	U. S. Consul at Kanagawa,
R. B. Swain.	Harvard College,
W. E. Traver,	New York Mercantile Library.
J. S. Homans,	Brooklyn “ “

The whole number of members at present belonging to the Association is 1,650 ; of which 110 are Life Members, 74 Honorary Members, and 1,466 Subscribing Members. This shows a net increase of 215 members during the year.

The following gentlemen became Life Members during the year : M. C. Briggs, H. Webster, and W. Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MOORE, *Librarian.*

CONSTITUTION,
BY-LAWS,
RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association

OF THE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

WITH

CERTIFICATE OF RE-INCORPORATION ; STATISTICS AND LIST
OF OFFICERS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT, ETC.



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CERTIFICATE OF RE-INCORPORATION

OF THE

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OF THE

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 12TH, 1863.

WHEREAS, at a general meeting of the members and stockholders of the Mercantile Library Association, of the City of San Francisco, State of California, held on Thursday Evening, the 7th day of May, A. D., 1863, at the rooms of said Association, in said City and County, the following resolution was adopted, viz :—

“ *Resolved*, That the Mercantile Library Association of the City of San Francisco be re-incorporated under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled ‘An Act in reference to Library Associations,’ approved April 27th, A. D., 1863; and that the Board of Directors of said Association be, and they are, hereby authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to the consummation of such re-incorporation, as provided in said act.”

And, whereas, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said Association, held on Tuesday evening, the 12th day of May, A. D., 1863, at the said rooms of said Association, the following resolution was adopted, viz:—

“*Resolved,* by the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association of the City of San Francisco, that it is the intention of said Association to re-incorporate itself under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of this State, entitled ‘An Act in reference to Library Associations,’ approved April 27th, 1863.

“*Resolved,* That notice of intention so to do be published for thirty consecutive days in the ‘Alta California,’ a newspaper published in the City and County of San Francisco, and requiring all parties interested, whether shareholders, creditors, members or others, to file written objections thereto, if any they have, with the Secretary or Librarian of said Association, on or before the expiration of the term of said notice, in the manner required in said Act.”

And, whereas, notice of said intention to re-incorporate itself under the provisions of said Act of the Legislature was duly published in the “Daily Alta California,” a daily newspaper published in said City and County, for thirty consecutive days, beginning on the 13th day of May, A. D., 1863, and ending on the 11th day of June, A. D., 1863; which said notice, with the affidavit of the principal clerk in the office of the said “Alta California,” as to the publication thereof, is as follows :

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.—*Whereas,* at a special meeting of the members and stockholders of the Mercantile Library Association of the City of San Francisco, held on Thursday evening, the 7th day of May, A. D. 1863, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

“*Resolved,* That the Mercantile Library Association of the City of San Francisco be re-incorporated under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled

'An Act in reference to Library Associations,' approved April 27th, A. D. 1863 ; and that the Board of Directors of said Association be, and they are, hereby authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to the consummation of such re-incorporation, as provided in such Act."

And whereas, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said Association, held on Tuesday evening, the 12th of May, A. D. 1863, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

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Now, therefore, in accordance with the foregoing resolutions, notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association of the City of San Francisco, that it is the intention of said Mercantile Library Association to re-incorporate under the provisions of aforesaid Act.

All parties interested, whether shareholders, creditors, members, or others, of said Mercantile Library Association, are hereby required to file their objections in writing, if any they have, with the Secretary or Librarian of said Association, at the rooms of said Association, on the northeast corner of Bush and Montgomery Streets in said City and County, on or before the expiration of thirty days from the first publication of this notice. Said objections shall state the nature of the objection, the character of the objector, whether shareholder, mem-

ber, creditor or otherwise, and be signed with the name of the said objector.

If no such objections are filed with said Secretary or Librarian within the time, and in the manner aforesaid, all parties interested, whether shareholders, life members, honorary members, subscribing members, creditors, and others, will be conclusively deemed to assent to such re-incorporation, and will be forever debarred from making any objection to said re-incorporation.

A certified copy of the Act of the Legislature can be seen at the Librarian's desk, in the rooms.

By order of the Board of Directors.

ALBERT MILLER, *President.*

WILLIAM N. ARTHUR, *Recording Sec'y.*

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12th, 1863.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, ss.

J. H. Coleman being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a white male citizen of the United States of America, over the age of twenty-one years, that he is the principal clerk in the publication office of the "Daily Alta California," a paper published in said City and County of San Francisco, that the notice, of which the annexed printed notice is a copy, was published in said "Daily Alta California" for thirty consecutive days, to wit: from the 13th day of May, A. D. 1863, to the 11th day of June, A. D. 1863, both inclusive, and further, deponent saith not.

J. H. COLEMAN.

Subscribed and sworn to, this 12th day of June, A. D. 1863,
before me,

A. G. RANDALL, *Notary Public.*

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act in reference to Library Associations," approved April 27th, A. D. 1863, and of the proceedings herein before set forth, I, Albert Miller, the duly elected President of the "Mercantile Library Association" of the City of San Francisco, do hereby certify and state that

the Association now re-incorporated under and in pursuance of the provisions of said Act of the Legislature, shall be known and called by the name of "The Mercantile Library Association of the City and County of San Francisco," that its place of business is, and shall be in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California ; that the object of the said Association, is the general diffusion of useful knowledge by means of the circulation among the members of said Association, of the various Books, Periodicals, and Journals published throughout the world ; that the Officers and Directors of the said Association now acting, and who will constitute the Board of Trustees until the next annual election, to wit: the Third Monday of January, A. D. 1864, are as follows :

ALBERT MILLER.....*President.*

HENRY B. WILLIAMS.....*Vice President.*

WILLIAM N. ARTHUR.....*Recording Secretary.*

FRANK D. CARLTON.....*Corresponding Secretary.*

FREDERICK W. MACONDRAY.....*Treasurer.*

Directors.

EDWARD F. HALL, JR.,	ANDREW L. EDWARDS,	A. P. FLINT,
THOMAS BREEZE,	FRANK E. WEBSTER,	W. MELVIN SMITH,
GEO. C. BOARDMAN,	JOSEPH HOBART,	WM. M. PIERSON,

That H. H. Moore is the present acting Librarian of said Association ; Daniel E. Webb, Assistant Librarian ; John J. Tayker, Collector ; and John A. Haugh, Janitor.

ALBERT MILLER,

*President of the Mercantile Library Association of the City
and County of San Francisco.*

(Witness) HENRY HAIGHT.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
City and County of San Francisco. } *ss.*

On this twelfth day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, personally appeared at my office in said City and County, before me, Henry Haight, a Notary Public

duly commissioned by the Governor of the State of California, and sworn, Albert Miller, personally known to me to be the President of the "Mercantile Library Association, of the City of San Francisco," and the same person described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument; and the said Albert Miller then and there duly acknowledged to me that he executed the said instrument as the President of the "Mercantile Library Association of the City of San Francisco," freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes in said instrument mentioned.

In witness whereof, I, Henry Haight, Notary Public as aforesaid, have to this certificate set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in said City and County, the day and year in this certificate first above-written.

HENRY HAIGHT.



*Notary Public for the City and County of
San Francisco, State of California.*

CONSTITUTION

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Mercantile Library Association of the City and County of San Francisco, and shall have for its object the establishment of a Library and Reading Room ; the collection of a Cabinet, Scientific Apparatus, Works of Art, and other literary and scientific purposes.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any person may become a member of this Association by signing the Constitution, paying an initiation fee of two dollars, and regular dues at the rate of three dollars per quarter, in advance. His membership shall continue as long as his dues are regularly paid.

SEC. 2. If the dues of any member remain unpaid for the term of three months, he shall not be allowed to vote on any question before the Association, nor at the election of officers, nor take any books from the Library ; and if for six months, his privileges and rights of membership shall be forfeited, unless notice be previously given to the Librarian of intended absence, in which case no dues shall be required during said absence.

SEC. 3. Persons may be elected honorary members by the Board of Trustees, and such persons shall be entitled to all the privileges of regular membership, excepting the right to vote and hold office.

SEC. 4. Any person may become a life member on paying to the Association the sum of one hundred dollars, which shall constitute him a regular member, with full privileges, and without liability for any stated dues.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. All elections shall be by ballot, except when otherwise ordered, and be made by such of the members as shall attend for that purpose in person. Each life and subscribing member shall be entitled to one vote, and the person or persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

SEC. 2. The election of the Board of Trustees shall take place annually, on the third Monday in January, and shall be held under the superintendence of three judges, selected from the members by the Board of Trustees for the time being, and at least ten days' notice shall be given of such election, in at least two of the city papers. The polls shall be open from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and from 6 P. M. to 8 P. M. The ballot box shall be sealed from 5 to 6 o'clock. It shall be the duty of the Judges of Election to sort, count, and record the votes given in, and to report the same to the Board of Trustees for the time being, within two days after said election has taken place, specifying in their report the whole number of ballots given in, the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes for each. And it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary for the time being, to enter such returns, or an abstract of them, in the journal of the proceedings of the Board. And it shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees for the time being, to meet together within two days after every such election, and examine and compare all the said returns, and thereupon to make out a certificate of the result of such election, to be signed by the President and Recording Secretary; and such certificates and returns shall have full force and effect in all respects.

SEC. 3. In case, from any cause, the election of the Board of Trustees should not take place upon the day fixed by the Con-

stitution, it shall be the duty of the Board, for the time being, to give notice for an election to take place as soon thereafter as may be, from the date upon which the election should have been held ; and in such case, the officers of the Association shall be in office until such election has been held and successors appointed.

SEC. 4. The Board of Trustees shall enter upon the performance of its duties within one week after the election of officers shall have been held and the result officially announced.

SEC. 5. Librarians and subordinate officers shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees, to hold office during the pleasure thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

COMPENSATION.

SECTION 1. No pecuniary compensation shall be allowed the Board of Trustees of the said Association.

SEC. 2. Librarians, subordinate officers and clerks shall be allowed such compensation as the Board of Trustees, from time to time, may determine upon.

ARTICLE V.

VACANCIES.

SECTION 1. In case any vacancies occur in the Board of Trustees, the Board shall have power to fill the same.

ARTICLE VI.

At a meeting of the Association held March 20th, 1865, the first section of Article 6th was amended to read as follows :

“ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.—The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The corporate powers of the Association shall be exercised by a Board of fourteen Trustees, to be elected annually. All the officers of the Association shall be chosen from the Trustees. At each annual election, the members voting shall indicate, on their ballots, the several trustees who shall hold the respective offices.

SEC. 3. The President shall have power to call special meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Association, whenever he may deem it expedient.

SEC. 4. The President, at the expiration of his term of office, or oftener, if requested thereto by the Association, shall make a written report of the general doings of the Association, and suggest such means as may seem to him best calculated to promote its prosperity.

SEC. 5. The Vice President shall preside and perform all the duties of the office of President, in the absence or disqualification of that officer.

SEC. 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the organ of the Association, in its conference with other societies and the public. He shall make a record of all letters written by him in a book kept for that purpose.

SEC. 7. The Recording Secretary shall affix his name to all the advertisements and notices emanating from the Board of Trustees, or from the Association. He shall attend all meetings, and, in the absence of the President and Vice President, shall call the same to order, and shall truly, and at large, record the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, together with the proceedings of the Association, in books kept for that purpose.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall hold all the funds of the Association (except the property invested in the name of the Board of Trustees), subject to the order of the majority of the Board of Trustees. He shall pay no bill unless authorized by the Board of Trustees, and signed by the President and Secretary. He shall make a monthly report, exhibiting, in detail, his receipts and payments, and the balance in the Treasury ; and if invested, how. And for the better security of the trust confided to him, he shall give to the Board of Trustees a bond in the sum of two thousand dollars, with two sureties, which the Trustees shall have power to increase as they deem proper. He shall keep a regular account of the financial concerns of the Association ; an abstract of which, accompanied by satisfactory vouchers, he shall exhibit at each annual meeting. On resigning, or being suspended from office, he shall hand over to his successor all books, vouchers, and other papers of the Association, in his possession.

SEC. 9. The Board of Trustees shall be vested with full powers to appropriate funds, enact by-laws, and conduct the affairs of the Association ; *provided, however*, that no appropriation of more than two thousand dollars for any one object shall be made, without the assent of the Association.

SEC. 10. A permanent removal from the city of San Francisco disqualifies an officer from exercising his office, and is equivalent to a tender of resignation on his part.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association on the third Thursday in January, for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Treasurer and Board of Trustees, exhibiting the state of the library, finances and property, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

SEC. 2. At all meetings of the Association, at least ten members must be present for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3. There shall be a meeting of the Association on the first Thursday in every month, at such hour as the Board of Trustees may appoint.

SEC. 4. The President, at the request of the Board of Trustees, or at the written request of twenty-five members, stating the reasons therefor, shall call a meeting of the Association for the transaction of special business, giving one day's notice thereof.

ARTICLE VIII.

FINANCES.

SECTION 1. The funds arising from assessments, contributions, lectures, sales of surplus and worthless books and other property, and other sources not herein named, except from life memberships, shall be devoted to the purchase of books, payment of current expenses, and otherwise, as the Board of Trustees shall, from time to time, direct. All funds arising from life memberships shall be devoted exclusively to a Building Fund, which shall be invested under the supervision of the Committee

on Ways and Means, until the Association shall decide upon purchasing a lot and erecting a building thereon.

SEC. 2. All orders, drafts, and other documents affecting the funds of the Association, must be authorized by a majority of the Trustees, and signed by the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

NEGLECT OF OFFICIAL DUTY.

SECTION 1. In case of flagrant official misconduct, or neglect of duty on the part of a member of the Board, the Trustees shall have power, by a vote of two-thirds of their number, to expel the offending member ; from which action, however, an appeal shall be allowed to a called meeting of the Association, which shall ratify or annul the proceedings of the Trustees, as the circumstances of the case may warrant.

ARTICLE X.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. If any member shall wantonly create a disturbance at any meeting of the Association, or devise or take part in any measure designedly to injure the Association, or shall purposely deface the books, building, rooms, or the appurtenances thereof, on written complaint of five members a meeting shall be held, and the matter referred to a committee of three members, who shall investigate the charges and report at a future meeting of the Association ; when, if the charges be made apparent, he shall be reprov'd or deprived of membership—always allowing the accused ample opportunity to excuse or extenuate his character and conduct.

ARTICLE XI.

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended unless by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting—notice of which shall be given in writing one month previously.

BY-LAWS,

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND LIBRARIANS.

ARTICLE I.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1. Stated semi-monthly meetings of the Board shall be held at the rooms of the Association, on Tuesday evening (unless otherwise ordered), at half-past seven o'clock.

SEC. 2. The President may call special meetings at any time ; and any three members, if they desire, may also have a special meeting convened through the President. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 3. On taking the Chair, the President shall call the Board to order, and the Secretary shall call over the list of members, noting the absentees, when he shall read the minutes of the last meeting.

ARTICLE II.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At the first meeting after the election of the Board, or as soon thereafter as may be, the President shall appoint the Standing Committees of the Board. They shall be as follows, and consist of three members each :

- First.* Committee on Ways and Means ;
- Second.* Committee on Library and Rooms ;
- Third.* Committee on Books and Donations ;
- Fourth.* Committee on Accounts ;
- Fifth.* Committee on Lectures.

Each of which Committees shall report quarterly.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Ways and

Means to examine, from time to time, into the finances of the Board ; to see that all dues are paid ; to devise ways by which the means of the Association may be increased ; to take into consideration any reports or propositions relating to the Treasury, and generally to have a supervision over the financial department of the Association. The Treasurer's books shall be open at all times to this Committee, to the President of the Board, and also to any of the Trustees.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Library and Rooms, to have a general supervision over the Librarian and his assistants, the Library and Rooms, and everything pertaining thereto, and to report to the Board from time to time.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Books and Donations to examine and report on suitable books for the Library ; to acquire by purchase ; to solicit and accept donations of books, and other articles applicable to the Library and Reading Room ; and to recommend, from time to time (when the finances will warrant), the purchase of new works, and the sale of duplicate and worthless ones, and to take into consideration such matters as shall be referred to it by the Board.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Accounts to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and to certify to the correctness of the same, and see that the money is actually where it purports to be.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Lectures to correspond with and procure suitable persons to deliver lectures or addresses before the Association, and the public ; *provided, however* : That this Committee shall invite no one to lecture who shall not previously have been approved of by the Board.

SEC. 7. All special committees not provided for by the Constitution, shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE III.

THE LIBRARIAN.

SECTION 1. The Librarian shall be appointed by the Board

of Trustees ; and, for the moneys, books and other property, temporarily committed to his charge, he shall file with the President a legal bond, with one or more securities, approved by the Board of Trustees, in the sum of one thousand dollars, which bond shall be increased at the pleasure of the Board.

SEC. 2. He shall endeavor, in all suitable ways, to increase the number of subscribers and donations, and collect their subscriptions ; and, for all moneys coming into his hands belonging to the Association, he shall account to the Treasurer on the first Monday in each month, throughout the year, or oftener if required, taking duplicate receipts of the Treasurer for the same ; one of which receipts shall be filed with the Committee on Ways and Means monthly.

SEC. 3. It shall be the special duty of the Librarian and his Assistants to be courteous, kind, accommodating and gentlemanly to any one who enters the Library and Rooms, and while firmness is strictly enjoined on them to carry out all the regulations of the Association, they must be careful to avoid all personal or official difficulty with any one who enters the Library and Rooms, or in endeavoring to collect the subscriptions or dues of the members.

SEC. 4. They shall be punctual in opening and shutting the Library and Rooms at the hours named in the Rules, and within these hours they shall, at all times, be in attendance, unless one be excused by a member of the Committee on Library and Rooms.

ARTICLE IV.

DEEDS AND PAPERS.

SECTION 1. All deeds, leases, bonds, contracts, and other valuable papers, shall be deposited in the hands of the President of the Association ; which, in the event of his resignation or death, shall be placed in the hands of the Vice President, who, on the new President coming into office, shall deposit them with him.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. All elections or appointments, made by the Board of Trustees, shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. These By-Laws shall be amended, altered or suspended, only at a stated meeting of the Board of Trustees, notice thereof having been proposed in writing at a previous stated meeting, and shall only be enacted by a majority of all the members elect voting for them.

RULES OF ORDER,

FOR THE REGULATION OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE ASSOCIATION AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1. The President shall preserve order and decorum ; he may speak to points of order, in preference to members ; and shall decide questions of order, subject to appeal, as is usual.

SEC. 2. When any member is about to speak, he shall address the President, and confine himself strictly to the question under discussion.

SEC. 3. When a motion or resolution is made, it shall be handed, if in writing, to the Secretary, and by him re-read before it is debated ; and every resolution shall be reduced to writing, if the Chairman order it, or a member desire it.

SEC. 4. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or resolution under debate ; any member, however, may call for a division of the question when the sense admits of it.

SEC. 5. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn ; to lie on the table ; for the previous question ; to postpone indefinitely ; to postpone to a given day ; to commit ; to amend ;—which several motions shall take precedence in the same order as here arranged. Motions to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is speaking, and shall be put without debate.

SEC. 6. If at any meeting a member doubts the decision of a vote, he may call for a division, and the members voting on each side shall then be counted by tellers appointed for that purpose by the President, and the result declared by him.

SEC. 7. No member who did not vote with the majority on any question, shall move the reconsideration of the vote.

SEC. 8. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

SEC. 9. A motion for amendment, until decided, shall preclude farther amendment of the main question.

SEC. 10. Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the meeting.

SEC. 11. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they are moved ; and, in filling blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first ; reconsideration of questions can only be had at a first subsequent meeting.

SEC. 12. The yeas and nays shall be entered on the minutes at the call of any two members.

SEC. 13. The meeting may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole at any time, when propositions made shall not be entered on the journal without they are carried in committee ; and when in committee, the President shall leave the Chair, and appoint a Chairman.

SEC. 14. If, at any meeting of the Association, questions should arise which are not treated upon above, they shall be decided by an appeal to " Jefferson's Manual."

REGULATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

SECTION 1. The Library shall be open every day throughout the year, from 9 o'clock A.M., to 10 o'clock P.M., excepting Sundays and legal holidays of the State of California.

SEC. 2. The Librarian shall keep a full and accurate Catalogue of all the Books, Magazines, Maps, Charts and Works of Art belonging to the Association, and arrange them in proper order ; he shall make a record of all books and other donations presented to the Association, in a book provided for that purpose, with the names of the donors, and make suitable acknowledgments of the same.

SEC. 3. He shall register in a book prepared for that purpose, and to be kept in the Library Room, the name of each member of this Association ; and shall in no case deliver a book to any member until the name of such member shall have been so registered.

SEC. 4. He shall enter into a book kept for that purpose, the title of every volume delivered by him ; the name of the person to whom delivered ; the time of taking and returning the same ; together with the forfeitures arising from every default.

SEC. 5. He shall collect all dues and forfeitures incurred by the members and account for the same to the Treasurer, as herein before provided.

SEC. 6. He shall submit to the Board of Trustees a monthly report, stating the amount of moneys received and expended by him, report the names of such members as may refuse to pay their dues and forfeitures, or lose or damage any book belonging to the Library ; the names of all delinquents, with the amount of dues remaining unpaid ; and recommend the adoption

of such measures as he may judge necessary for the greater efficiency and usefulness of the Association.

SEC. 7. He shall suffer no person, excepting members of the Board, to remove a book from its place in the Library without his permission.

SEC. 8. He shall replace the books in proper order upon the shelves, as soon as may be after they are returned, having first examined them with care, and ascertained whether they have been injured or defaced.

SEC. 9. He shall see that the Books, Library and Reading Room are kept in good order ; he shall duly observe the instructions which may be given him by the Board of Trustees, and take care that the regulations relative to the loaning of books be strictly adhered to.

SEC. 10. He shall ascertain, during the months of January, April, July and October, by examination of the account of each member, the book or books not then returned to the Library ; and shall cause the same to be procured of the member in default.

SEC. 11. He shall deliver to any member applying personally, or to any member of his family, *when known to the Librarian*, or to his *written order*, one volume, if it be a folio or quarto ; and two, if an octavo or duodecimo, or volume of less size.

SEC. 12. Every member may detain each book or set delivered as aforesaid, if it be a folio or quarto, four weeks ; an octavo, three weeks ; or a book or a set of less size, two weeks ; except new publications, which, until they shall have been in the Library six months, shall not be detained—an octavo longer than two weeks, and books of less size one week, and which shall not be renewed. No book shall be reserved by the Librarian for any Trustee or member.

SEC. 13. Any member who shall detain a book or set longer than the time above limited, respectively, shall forfeit and pay to the Librarian, for every day a volume is so detained, if it be a folio, twenty cents ; a quarto, fifteen cents ; an octavo, ten cents ; if it be a duodecimo, or smaller volume or pamphlet, five cents.

SEC. 14. If any member lose or injure a book, he shall make the same good to the Librarian ; and if the book lost or injured be one of a set, he shall pay to the Librarian, for the use of the Association, the full value of said set, and may thereupon receive the remaining volumes as his property.

SEC. 15. No member shall be permitted to receive a book from the Library until he shall have paid all sums due from him to the Association, and made good all damages and losses which he may have occasioned.

SEC. 16. Books of Reference, and such others as may, from time to time, be specially designated by the Board, shall not be taken from the Library except by special permission of a member of the Board of Trustees ; provided, however, that Newspapers, Encyclopædias, Cyclopædias, Dictionaries and Atlases, shall in no case be taken from the Library Rooms.

REGULATIONS OF READING AND CHESS ROOMS.

SECTION 1. The Reading and Chess Rooms shall be opened every day throughout the year, from 8 o'clock A. M., to 11 o'clock, P. M.

SEC. 2. Loud conversation and smoking shall not be allowed, except in the room set apart for those purposes.

SEC. 3. No member shall assume the liberty of arranging the books of the Library, or periodicals on the tables, or of performing any of the duties which devolve upon the Librarian.

SEC. 4. None but members shall be allowed the privilege of the Rooms, unless introduced by a member of the Association.

SEC. 5. Any member may have the privilege of introducing a friend, not a resident of the city, whose name shall be registered by the Librarian in a book kept for that purpose, and who shall receive a ticket of admission to the Rooms for the term of four weeks.

SEC. 6. No member shall be allowed the privilege of the Rooms unless all dues and forfeitures incurred are liquidated.

SEC. 7. No member shall be allowed to remove papers from the files, or books, plates or periodicals from the Rooms.

SEC. 8. Any member who shall mutilate the periodicals or papers placed on the files or tables in the Rooms, or remove them therefrom, shall be expelled.

SEC. 9. Should a member transgress any article in these Regulations, he shall be reported to the Board of Trustees, who may take such measures thereon as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 10. The Regulations of the Library and Rooms shall not be altered, amended or suspended, unless by the votes of six members of the Board of Trustees, present at a stated meeting, notice being given for that purpose.

TABULAR STATISTICS,

Showing the progress of the Mercantile Library Association, from its organization, in January, 1853, to January, 1865.

1853.	Receipts.....	\$10,858 50	Expenditures.....	\$10,726 51
1854.	"	13,387 30	"	11,838 02
1855.	"	9,015 85	"	8,747 96
1856.	"	10,300 00	"	8,989 27
1857.	"	11,777 87	"	12,474 73
1858.	"	12,089 15	"	11,704 09
1859.	"	16,854 82	"	19,045 16
1860.	"	15,604 50	"	16,482 20
1861.	"	15,852 98	"	15,112 22
1862.	"	15,333 26	"	13,506 79
1863.	"	14,601 75	"	14,460 40
1864.	"	17,641 12	"	16,106 39

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

1853.	No. of Volumes at the commencement of the year.....	1,500
1854.	"	2,705
1855.	"	3,315
1856.	"	3,833
1857.	"	6,135
1858.	"	8,447
1859.	"	10,066
1860.	"	11,485
1861.	"	13,821
1862.	"	14,985
1863.	"	15,106
1864.	"	16,620
1865.	"	18,095

INCREASE OF MEMBERS.

1854.	No. of Members at the commencement of the year.....	392
1855.	"	552
1856.	"	550
1857.	"	1,250
1858.	"	1,176
1859.	"	1,319
1860.	"	1,817
1861.	"	1,694
1862.	"	1,725
1863.	"	1,786
1864.	"	1,435
1865.	"	1,650

OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

1854.	No. of Volumes taken out.....	3,371
1855.	" "	8,367
1856.	" "	10,466
1857.	" "	17,528
1858.	" "	17,321
1859.	" "	21,903
1860.	" "	25,757
1861.	" "	31,955
1862.	" "	31,464
1863.	" "	35,702
1864.	" "	40,136

EX-OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS FOR 1853-54.

President.....	D. S. Turner	Recording Secretary....	W. H. Stevens
Vice President.....	J. P. Haven	Corresponding Secretary..	Dr. H. Gibbons
Treasurer.....			C. E. Bowers, Jr.
Directors—E. E. Dunbar, J. B. Crockett, E. P. Flint, D. H. Haskell			
Librarian.....	W. D. Bickman	Assistant.....	J. J. Tayker

OFFICERS FOR 1854-55.

President.....	D. S. Turner	Recording Secretary....	W. H. Stevens
Vice President.....	H. Channing Beals	Corresponding Sec....	F. A. Woodworth
Treasurer.....			C. L. Strong
Directors—W. R. Wadsworth, P. A. Roach, J. H. Purkitt, E. P. Flint, F. S. Hawley, W. MacMichael, D. Olyphant Vail, A. G. Randall, J. H. Gardner			
Librarian.....	Horace Davis	Assistant.....	J. J. Tayker

OFFICERS FOR 1855-56.

President.....	Henry M. Hale	Recording Secretary....	J. H. Gardiner
Vice President.....	W. H. Stevens	Corresponding Sec....	F. A. Woodworth
Treasurer.....			Spear Riddell
Directors—J. H. Purkitt, Ira P. Rankin, A. W. McKee, J. B. Newton, R. D. W. Davis, R. E. Brewster, W. A. Macondray, J. M. Coughlin, W. R. Wadsworth			
Librarian.....	E. De Sola	Assistant.....	J. J. Tayker

OFFICERS FOR 1856-57.

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 Vice President.....E. H. Washburn Corresponding Secretary...E. H. Howard
 Treasurer.....W. R. Garrison
 Directors—J. G. Kittle, J. H. Coghill, H. D. Oliphant, C. J. Dempster, H. D. Walbridge, T. J. L. Smiley, W. J. Bailey, J. A. Donohoe, G. H. Kellogg
 Librarian.....Horace H. Moore Assistant.....J. J. Tayker

OFFICERS FOR 1857-58.

President.....Ira P. Rankin Recording Secretary....H. D. Oliphant
 Vice President.....Andrew W. McKee Corresponding Secretary..J. M. Shotwell
 TreasurerJules David
 Directors—P. Verplanck, Jr., C. H. Raymond, M. J. Burke, Samuel Hubbard, T. J. Lamb, George Howes, Wm. Arrington, Benjamin Haynes, W. F. Parker
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OFFICERS FOR 1858-59.

President.....E. H. Washburn Recording Secretary..Samuel Hubbard
 Vice President.....Jos. A. Donohoe Corresponding Sec....B. Watkins Leigh
 Treasurer.....Jos. M. Shotwell
 Directors—A. L. Tibbs, C. H. Raymond, Thomas S. Miller, Jos. S. Paxson, Julius K. Rose, Albert Miller, R. B. Swain, P. T. Southworth, Jacob B. Moore
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OFFICERS FOR 1859-60.

President.....D. C. McRuer Recording Secretary.....Henry C. Lee
 Vice President.....H. Carlton, Jr Corresponding Secretary..Ed. J. Pringle
 Treasurer.....T. C. Banks
 Directors—F. A. Holman, J. C. Stone, E. J. Muygridge, Joshua Barker, J. W. White, Henry M. Haight, J. B. Swasey, S. C. Bigelow, Joseph Hobart
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OFFICERS FOR 1860-61.

President.....Wm. H. Stevens Recording Secretary.....Edw. Hunt
 Vice President.....Wm. R. Garrison Corresponding Secretary...R. B. Swain
 Treasurer.....J. G. Kellogg
 Directors—Chas. Wolcott Brooks, Frank Baker, D. P. Belknap, Wm. Norris, Jas. W. J. Pierson, John Shaw, H. C. Macy, Charles R. Bond, Thomas Bennett
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OFFICERS FOR 1861-62.

President.....James W. White Recording Secretary....E. H. Jacquelin
 Vice President.....Thomas J. Lamb Corresponding Sec....Walter Martineau
 TreasurerBenj. Smith
 Directors—Maj. H. Leonard, John S. Davies, R. C. Rogers, J. M. Strowbridge, A. L. Edwards, J. P. Nourse, J. Lawrence Pool, J. C. Johnson, J. M. McNulty, M. D.
 Librarian.....Horace H. Moore Assistants..Dan'l E. Webb, J. J. Tayker

OFFICERS FOR 1862-63.

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Vice President.....	William Norris	Corresponding Sec....	Sydney V. Smith
Treasurer	Camilo Martin		
Directors—Maj. H. Leonard, John B. Newton, John C. Merrill, P. L. Weaver, C. W. Hathaway, J. Wightman, Wm. Alvord, Chas. D. Haven, Thos. Bennet, M. D.			
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Assistant.....	Dan'l E. Webb	Janitor..	C. H. Canfield

OFFICERS FOR 1863-64.

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Vice President.....	Henry B. Williams	Corresponding Sec....	Frank D. Carlton
Treasurer.....	Frederick W. Macondray		
Directors—Edw'd F. Hall, Jr., Geo. C. Boardman, F. E. Webster, A. P. Flint, Thos. Breeze, A. L. Edwards, Joseph Hobart, W. Melvin Smith, Wm. M. Pierson			
Librarian.....	Horace H. Moore	Collector.....	J. J. Tayker
Assistant.....	Dan'l E. Webb	Janitor.....	C. H. Canfield

OFFICERS FOR 1864-65.

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Librarian.....	Horace H. Moore	Collector.....	J. J. Tayker
Assistant.....	Dan'l E. Webb	Janitor.....	John A. Hangh

THIRTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT, TREASURER & LIBRARIAN

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association

OF THE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

WITH

STATISTICS, ETC., OF THE INSTITUTION FROM THE COMMENCEMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO :
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522 Clay Street, op. Merchant's Exchange,
1866.

LIST OF OFFICERS

For 1866.

President :

WM. H. L. BARNES.

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President's Annual Report.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERCANTILE

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO :—

Another year of the life history of our Association has passed with all its changes. To some it has been a year of joy and gladness, to others, of sorrow and disappointment.

The Nation has been called to mourn the loss of its chosen head, as well as to rejoice over its own renewed life. War, desolation and treason have been swept from the face of our beloved land, and we stand as a people, free before God and the world.

It is my privilege to present at this time the Thirteenth Annual Report to the members of the Association. We have been highly favored during the year ; success has attended us in every department, the different Committees of your Board of Trustees have been faithful in the performance of the duties assigned them.

While all have done well, the Committees on Library and Rooms and Books deserve special mention, as their duties are incessant, and have been accomplished at great sacrifice of time and labor to the gentlemen composing those Committees.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our last year's report gave us :

Life Members.....	110
Honorary Members.....	74
Subscribing Members.....	1,466
	<hr/> 1,650

Additions during the year :

Life Members.....	7
Honorary Members.....	1
Subscribing Members.....	1,104
	<hr/> 1,112

Total.....2,762

We have lost by withdrawal, death and removal from
city..... 564
Giving a total at this time of..... 2,198
members, and showing an increase over last year of 548
members.

VISITORS.

Our Rooms have been visited during the year, by 574 persons, introduced by members of the Association.

BOOKS.

The number of volumes reported at last Annual
Meeting, was..... 18,095 Vols.
Additions during the year by purchase and dona-
tion..... 1,735 "

19,830 "
Less duplicate copies sold 119 "

Leaving on our shelves at this time 19,711 "
showing an increase over previous year, of 334 vols.

While the demand for light reading has been amply supplied by the Committee on Books, more than the usual num-

ber of useful and scientific works have been purchased. I would notice the following : Scientific American, 12 vols., 1850 to 1864, inclusive ; Fronde's England, 8 vols. ; Knight's England, 8 vols. ; Martin's Histoire de France, 17 vols. ; Autographic Album, 3 vols. ; Punch, 20 vols.

The whole number of volumes loaned during the year, was 41,737, under following classification :

Romance, 29,712 ; Science, 1,449 ; Biography, 2,444 ; Travels, 2,279 ; History, 1,711 ; Belle Lettres, 2,015 ; Poetry, 937 ; Religion, 357 ; Bound Periodicals, 242 ; Miscellany, 591 ; total, 41,737—showing an increase of 1,601 vols. loaned over the former year.

Our Periodical Department has been kept up to the required standard. We have suffered in that Department by theft ; some person or persons, (I am unwilling to believe they are members of the Association,) have been for some time past, stealing our Foreign Periodicals. The Board of Trustees authorized a reward of twenty-five dollars for the detection of the thief or thieves. They are still at large and the *nuisance* unabated.

The Reading Room has been fully supplied with daily and weekly papers of the city and country. The thanks of the Association are due to the Press of the State, as our files are gratuitously supplied.

In connection with this Department, I feel it necessary to say, that it is in conflict with the regulations of the Association, for visitors or members to mutilate in any way our files. Recently, they have suffered very severely by being cut and torn ; the practice must be stopped. I hope individual members will assist the Librarian in the detection of those persons who steal and mutilate the property of the Association.

DONATIONS.

We are as usual, indebted to many friends at home and

abroad for valuable Donations, which are duly acknowledged in the Report of the Librarian.

LECTURES.

It was deemed inexpedient by the Board of Trustees, to attempt the getting up of a course of lectures.

We have amongst us, gentlemen willing, and as well qualified to give a course, as can be found in any other community ; but the lack of interest taken by our members is so apparent, and the labor to Lecturers and Board of Trustees so great, that that Department has been left without action.

INSURANCE.

The property of the Association is under policies of insurance for forty thousand dollars, (\$40,000) in the most responsible companies.

ROOMS.

The lease of the Rooms occupied by the Association will expire on 1st February proximo. A new lease has been taken at an advanced rental, to commence on the expiration of the present lease.

The terms of the new contract are : the premises occupied at present, for one year, with the privilege of a renewal for one year at the monthly rent of (\$325) three hundred and twenty-five dollars in advance ; the price paid under the present lease, is (\$200) two hundred dollars per month.

With our present prospects, there is no reason why we should not have a building of our own by the time the new lease will have expired.

AMENDMENTS.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 16th inst., I was requested to call the attention of the Association to the necessity of amending the constitution relative to the admission of members and their privileges.

We should seek to sustain the standard of our membership, and not allow the initiation fee and monthly dues, to be the only requisites.

✓ I would suggest that no person shall be admitted to membership, unless introduced and vouched for by a member of the Association ; and, that no member shall be entitled to vote at any election for Trustees, unless his certificate of membership dates at least (30) thirty days previous to said election.

The Constitution provides that the Annual Election shall be held on the third Monday in January in each year, and the Annual Meeting of the Association to receive reports &c., &c., on the third Thursday in January.

The time between Monday and Thursday is too short to give the Officers of the Association proper opportunity to close up the business of the year, and prepare their reports.

I would suggest that the fourth Monday in January, instead of the third Thursday, be the time fixed for the Annual Meeting.

FINANCES.

Our Financial Department is in a highly satisfactory condition.

CREDITS.

Balance Treasurer's report last year	\$5,123 86
Assessments from members.....	17,257 00
Initiation of 1,104 members.....	2,208 00
Life Memberships.....	700 00
Library Account, Books lost and paid for.....	58 25
Insurance Account, Premiums on In- surance.....	23 60
Expense Account, Sundries.....	12 15
Building Fund.....	2,700 00
	—————\$28,082 86

DEBITS.

Salaries.....	\$5,967 05
Expense Account, Rent, Fuel, Gas, &c.....	4,501 29
Library Account, Books purchased.	5,977 92
Printing Account.....	820 75
Furniture Account.....	609 44
Insurance.....	593 27
Life Membership transferred to Building Fund.....	700 00
Library Fund transferred to Building Fund.....	2,000 00
Balance.....	6,913 14

—————\$28,082 80

I would recommend that a transfer of at least \$2,000 of the balance of General Account, be made to the Building Fund.

LOT AND BUILDING.

This important and for many years “pet object” of the Association, for which so many plans have been devised, so much talking has been done, has, during the past year received a *vital* impetus, which shall redound to the credit of the “sleepers” of 1865.

On the 10th October, the following resolution offered by the Committee on Ways and Means was adopted:

Resolved,—That the Trustees form themselves into a committee of the whole, to obtain life memberships and donations with a view of purchasing a lot and erecting a building thereon for the use of the Association.

Books for subscriptions were immediately prepared with the following heading:

“We, the subscribers, hereto agree to take Life Memberships at (\$100) one hundred dollars each in gold coin in the Mercantile Library Association, provided the sum of \$20,000 is raised by life memberships and donations toward a building fund on or before February 1st, 1866.”

It is with no small degree of pleasure that I announce to you the success of our efforts, and place in the hands of the incoming Board, a Subscription List, showing :

Life Members, 194.....	\$19,400
Donations.....	657
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Total.....	\$20,057

The Constitution provides that "all funds arising from life memberships, shall be devoted exclusively to a building fund, which shall be invested under the supervision of the Committee on Ways and Means, until the Association shall decide upon purchasing a lot and erecting a building thereon."

I would therefore recommend the adoption of a resolution by the Association at this meeting, announcing their decision to proceed with the work, and authorizing the Board of Trustees as early as may be deemed expedient, to take action in regard to purchasing a lot and erecting a building thereon.

List of subscribers for Life Memberships at (\$100) one hundred dollars each, to be applied to the fund for purchasing a lot and erecting a building for the Mercantile Library Association :

Aron, Joseph,	Hayward, A.
Alvord, William,	Hassey, F. A.
Averill, Anson,	Homans, H. S.
Agard, W. B.	Hall, Edward F. Jr.
Atherton, F. D.	Hartshorne, B. M.
Adams, W. J.	Harris, —
Austin, A.	
	Jones, M. P.
Bray, Wm. A.	Johnson, J. C.
Bank of Brit. North America,	
Baugh, Theodore E.	Kittle, N. G.
Bell, G. W.	Knight, Sam'l.
Brooks, C. Wolcott	Knight, Daniel,
Bensley, John,	Kenneddy, Charles S.

Boswell, L. B.

Barker, T. L.

Brewster, Benjamin,

Bichard, Nicholas,

Benjamin, E. B.

Baby, Capt. F. R.

Bennett, R. H.

Banks, Thomas C.

Barron, W. E.

Bull, Alpheus,

Bradshaw, T. T.

Barnes, W. H. L.

Bigelow, Samuel C.

Blackwood, W.

Baldwin, Alex. R.

Bacon, Jacob,

Brumagin, J. W.

Badger, W. K.

Babcock, H. S.

Bode, Geo. C.

Bond, Chas. R.

Brooks, Noah,

Burling, Wm.

Barroilhet, H.

Castle, Fred. L.

Crane, Henry A.

Crane, E. J.

Cummings, W. B.

Cutter, H. F.

Cronise, W. H. V.

Church, A. S.

Coon, H. P.

Cox, M. B.

Cohen, A. A.

Campbell, J. W. H.

Cohn, Edward,

Coghill, W. N.

Cunningham, Frs.

Lord, Chas. P.

Ladd, W. Frank

Linforth, James,

Low, Chas. L.

Lee, Henry C.

Livermore, H. P.

Locke, S Morris

Lyons, John,

Lord, Dan'l. S.

Landry, N.

Lewis, Rodman P.

McCune, J. N.

Marks, Edmund,

Macpherson, A. W.

Moody, J. L.

McMahon, F. P.

Meagher, Philip,

Mills, D. O.

Maynard, L.

McLean, Jno. T.

Montagne, W. W.

Miller, Albert, Jr.

Miller, W. J.

Macy, H. C.

Macondray, W. A.

McNulty, J. M.

Murphy, Bernard,

Marks, Thos. E.

McLane, Louis,

Newhall, H. M.

Norton, Edward,

Nudd, Asa D.

Otis, James,

Oliver, D. J.

Poulterer, Thos. J.

Patrick, James, C.

Dibblee, Albert,
 Dodge, W. W.
 Dodge, H. L.
 Doty, W. R.
 Day, Thos.
 Dick, David,
 Dick, S. W.
 Doyle, James R.
 Davis, Isaac E.
 Deering, James H.
 Dickinson, O. W.
 Dewey, E. E.
 Dore, Maurice,

Elwell, D. A.
 Emeric, Joseph,
 Elam, R. H.
 Eldridge, Oliver,
 Ebbets, Arthur M.
 Eastland, J. G.
 Ellis, Moses,
 Eells, R. S.
 Emeric, Henry,
 Earl, John O.

Folger, James A.
 Friedlander, J.
 Forrester, Henry B.

Gammas, Geo. B.
 Gaynor, John P.
 Gray, Matthias,
 Greenhood, Herman,
 Giffin, O. F.
 Gibbs, Geo. W.
 Grogan, Alex. B.
 Green, Sam. H.
 Gawley, W. H. (Cond'l.)

Hooper, John A.

Parker, Geo. A.
 Parrott, John,
 Parrott, Tiburcio,
 Pierson, Wm. M.
 Pease, E. T.

Randolph, B. H.
 Roberts, J. B.
 Rice, D. W. C.
 Ramsdell, B. H.
 Ralston, A. J.
 Rogers, R. H.
 Reynolds, Frank B.
 Rankin, Ira P.
 Robbins, James J.
 Ryan, P.
 Roman, A.
 Rakow, F.

Skae, John S.
 Sanderson, George H.
 Saunders, John H,
 Sneath, R. G.
 Swain, R. B.
 Stow, J. W.
 Smith, Theo. E.
 Spencer, J. C.
 Scranton, Chas. E.
 Shrader, A. J.
 Sanderson, L. A.
 Seligman, A.
 Shattuck, D. D.
 Story, Lafayette,
 Stevens, Levi,

Treadwell, L. L.
 Tobin, Thos.
 Tyler, Chas. M.

Ward, George W.

Hockhoffer, R.	Weaver, P. L.
Hollub, A.	Williams, H. B.
Hawley, Walter N.	Woodward, W. A.
Howes, Jabez,	Whitney, J. Jr.,
Howes, Edward H,	Watson, S. B.
Hubbard, Sam'l.	Wakelee, H. P.
Howard, Geo. H.	Weeks, E. J.
Howard, Henry O.	Walrath, A.
Hosmer, Chas.	Weill, Alex.
Horn, B. C.	Weill, R.
Hickox, Geo. C.	Wood, Wm. E.

DONATIONS.

McLane, Louis.....	\$200
Ralston, W. C.....	100
Donahue, J. A.....	100
Moss, J. Mora.....	100
Halleck, H. W.....	50
Livingston, M.....	50
Townsend, L. R.....	20
Baird, J. H.....	17
Van Ness, T. C.....	10
Harney, W.....	10
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	\$657

OFFICERS.

No change has occurred in the Board of Trustees during the year.

In October last, Mr. H. H. Moore, for many years Librarian, resigned. Mr. Daniel E. Webb, his efficient assistant was elected Librarian, and Mr. D. A. Crosby appointed Assistant Librarian.

ELECTION.

At the Annual Election held on Monday, 15th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Trustees for the ensuing year:

President.....WM. H. L. BARNES.
Vice President.....ROBERT B. SWAIN.
Recording Secretary.....DAVID WILDER.
Corresponding Secretary.....H. S. HOMANS.
Treasurer.....WM. C. RALSTON.

TRUSTEES.

WM. G. BADGER.	GEO. A. LOW.	ALEX. R. BALDWIN.
ARTHUR M. EBBETS.	J. M. McNULTY.	EUGENE E. DEWEY.
GEO. C. SHREVE.	WM. E. WOOD.	FRANK B. REYNOLDS.

In retiring from an office, the duties of which I have tried faithfully to perform, I desire to thank you for the honor you have conferred in placing me for two successive years in positions of so great responsibility.

Would that I could feel the same degree of satisfaction with the performance of those duties, that I do gratitude to you for said honor.

I need not urge upon you the necessity of concentrating every effort for advancing the interests of our Association. I am persuaded you already have its prosperity at heart, and judging by the past experience of thirteen years, surely we may look forward to a bright and prosperous future.

To the newly elected, I would say, be ambitious to surpass all your predecessors in the magnitude of your designs, keeping in view the incalculable amount of influence this Association must have over the young men of our city, as well as the benefit to all who may be connected with it ; and my prayer will be that you may be shown the "ways," and that the "means" may be provided for your entire success.

G. W. BELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22d, 1866.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

FOR THE

Year Ending January 19th, 1866.

Cash on hand at the commencement of the year,
January 19th, 1865.....\$ 5,123 86

RECEIPTS.

Assessments from members.....	\$17,257 00	
Initiation Fees, 1,104 new members ..	2,208 00	
Life Memberships, 7 new members ..	700 00	
Library Account, Books sold.....	58 25	
Insurance ac't, Ways and Means Com.	23 60	
Expense ac't, cash returned for sund.	12 15	
	<hr/>	20,259 00
Building Fund ac't. transfd from Lib-		
rary ac't	2,000 00	
Transfd for Life Membership do.	700 00	
	<hr/>	2,700 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary act.—Librarian and assistants \$	5,967 05
Expense act.—Rents, Fuel, Gas, etc..	4,501 29
Library account, for Books, Maga-	
zines, Periodicals, etc.....	3,977 92
Printing ac't.—Annual Reports, etc..	820 75
Furniture account.....	609 44
Insurance account — Premium on	
\$40,000 on Library.....	593 27
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	16,469 72
Library account transferred to build-	
ing Fund.....	2,000 00
Life Membership account transferred	
to Building Fund.....	700 00
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	\$19,169 72

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,
Building Fund, \$2,700 ; General
Fund, \$6,213 14..... 8,913 14

\$28,082 86 \$28,082 86

J. G. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

Librarian's Annual Report.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ROOMS,
San Francisco Jan. 22, 1866. }

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
GENTLEMEN :

I have the honor of submitting to you the following report of the operations and statistics of the Library and Reading Rooms, from the date of the last Annual Report of the Librarian, Jan. 18th, 1865, to the present time.

The number of volumes loaned from the Library during the year was 41,737, which were classified as follows, viz :

Romance.....	29,712	Belles-Letters.....	2,015
Biography.....	2,444	Poetry.....	937
Travels.....	2,279	Religion.....	357
Science.....	1,449	Bound Periodicals..	204
History.....	1,749	Miscellany.....	591

Which is an increase of 1,601 volumes above the number reported as loaned during the preceding year. During the year there were 1,735 volumes acquired by donation and purchase, 119 volumes of duplicates were sold. The net increase was therefore 1,616 volumes, which added to the number reported last year, 18,095 volumes, makes the Library number 19,711 volumes.

In the course of the year the Association has been presented with many books, pamphlets, &c., by the following gentlemen, associations, etc. :

U. S. Government,
 The City of San Francisco,
 Hon. Gideon Welles,
 " J. A. McDougall,
 " John Conness,
 " C. Cole,
 " T. B. Shannon,
 " B. B. Redding,
 " R. C. McCormick,
 James Street,
 A. M. Ebbets
 D. S. Clark,
 H. La Rientrie,
 J. Hobart,
 S. M. Holdredge,
 C. R. Clark,

Horace Davis,
 Mrs. John Davis,
 C. L. Flint,
 H. P. Sturgis,
 A. J. Doolittle,
 S. C. Bradshaw,
 J. R. McConnell,
 R. A. Thompson,
 H. M. Hale,
 J. H. Purkett,
 Am. Antiquarian Society,
 Y'g Men's Ass'n. Chicago,
 N. Y. Mercantile Library,
 Boston " "
 Brooklyn " "

The Reading Room has been gratuitously supplied during the year by many of the publishers of newspapers on the Pacific Coast with files of their publications. It is also indebted to the Press of this City for similar favors.

The whole number of members at present belonging to the Association is 2,198 ; of which 117 are Life Members, 75 Honorary Members, and 2,006 Subscribing Members. This shows an increase of 548 members during the present year.

The following gentlemen, by the payment of one hundred dollars each, became Life Members, during the year : W. H. L. Barnes, A. R. Baldwin, Thos. Tobin, A. J. Ralston, G. C. Hickox, D. D. Shattuck and J. W. Bruunagim.

Respectfully,

D. E. WEBB, *Librarian.*

TABULAR STATISTICS,

*Showing the progress of the Mercantile Library Association,
from its organization, in January, 1853, to January,
1865.*

1853.	Receipts.....	\$10,858 50	Expenditures.....	\$10,726 51
1854.	“	13,387 30	“	11,838 02
1855.	“	9,015 85	“	8,747 96
1856.	“	10,300 00	“	8,989 27
1857.	“	11,777 87	“	12,474 73
1858.	“	12,089 15	“	11,704 09
1859.	“	16,854 82	“	19,045 16
1860.	“	15,604 50	“	16,482 20
1861.	“	15,852 98	“	15,112 22
1862.	“	15,333 26	“	13,506 79
1863.	“	14,601 75	“	14,460 40
1864.	“	17,641 12	“	16,106 39
1865.	“	20,259 00	“	16,469 72

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

1853.	No. of Volumes at the commencement of the year.....	1,500
1854.	“ “ “ “	2,705
1855.	“ “ “ “	3,315
1856.	“ “ “ “	3,833
1857.	“ “ “ “	6,135
1858.	“ “ “ “	8,447
1859.	“ “ “ “	10,066
1860.	“ “ “ “	11,485
1861.	“ “ “ “	13,821
1862.	“ “ “ “	14,985
1863.	“ “ “ “	15,106
1864.	“ “ “ “	16,620
1865.	“ “ “ “	18,095
1866.	“ “ “ “	19,711

INCREASE OF MEMBERS.

1854.	No. of Members at the commencement of the year.....	392
1855.	“ “ “ “	552
1856.	“ “ “ “	550
1857.	“ “ “ “	1,250
1858.	“ “ “ “	1,176
1859.	“ “ “ “	1,319
1860.	“ “ “ “	1,817
1861.	“ “ “ “	1,694
1862.	“ “ “ “	1,725
1863.	“ “ “ “	1,786
1864.	“ “ “ “	1,435
1865.	“ “ “ “	1,650
1866.	“ “ “ “	2,198

OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

1854.	No. of Volumes taken out.....	3,371
1855.	“ “	8,367
1856.	“ “	10,466
1857.	“ “	17,528
1858.	“ “	17,321
1859.	“ “	21,903
1860.	“ “	25,757
1861.	“ “	31,955
1862.	“ “	31,464
1863.	“ “	35,702
1864.	“ “	40,136
1865.	“ “	41,737

EX-OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS FOR 1853-54.

President.....	D. S. Turner	Recording Secretary..	W. H. Stevens
Vice President.....	J. P. Haven	Corresponding Sec...	Dr. H. Gibbons.
Treasurer.....	C. E. Bowers, Jr.		
Directors—	E. E. Dunbar, J. B. Crockett, E. P. Flint, D. H. Haskell		
Librarian.....	W. D. Bickhan	Assistant.....	J. J. Tayker

OFFICERS FOR 1854-55.

President.....	D. S. Turner	Recording Secretary..	W. H. Stevens
Vice President.....	H. C. Beals	Cor'ng Sec.....	F. A. Woodworth
Treasurer.....	C. L. Strong		
Directors—	W. R. Wadsworth, P. A. Roach, J. H. Purkitt, E. P. Flint, F. S. Hawley, W. MacMichael, D. Olyphant Vail, A. G. Randall, J. H. Gardiner.		
Librarian.....	Horace Davis	Assistant.....	J. J. Tayker

OFFICERS FOR 1855-56.

President.....	Henry M. Hale	Recording Secretary..	J. H. Gardiner
Vice President.....	W. H. Stevens	Cor'ng. Sec....	F. A. Woodworth
Treasurer.....	Spear Riddell		
Directors—	J. H. Purkitt, Ira P. Rankin, A. W. McKee, J. B. Newton, R. D. W. Davis, R. E. Brewster, W. A. Macondray, J. M. Coughlin, W. R. Wadsworth		
Librarian.....	E. De Sola	Assistant.....	J. J. Tayker

OFFICERS FOR 1856-57.

President.....F. A. Woodworth Recording Secretary..W. C. Hyde
 Vice President....E. H. Washburn Cor'ng. Sec.....E. H. Howard
 Treasurer.....W. R. Garrison
 Directors—J. G. Kittle, J. H. Coghill, H. D. Oliphant, C. J. Dempster, H.
 D. Walbridge, T. J. L. Smiley, W. J. Balley, J. A. Donahue, G. H.
 Kellogg
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LIST OF PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS RECEIVED.

Magazines.

Athenæum,	Hall's Journal,
Artisan,	Journal Franklin Institute,
Art Journal,	Hunt's,
Atlantic,	Frank Leslie's,
All the Year Around,	Littell,
Banker's (English)	London Society,
Banker's, (America)	London Quarterly,
Bentley's,	Mechanic's,
Builder,	Mining,
Braithwaite's,	North British Review,
Blackwood,	North American Review,
Civil Engineer,	Once a Week.
California Teacher,	Phrenological,
Chamber's,	Philosophical,
Cornhill,	Pacific Medical Journal,
Demorest's,	Revue deux Mondes,
Dublin University,	Silliman's Journal,
Edinburgh Review.	St. James,
Eclectic,	Sixpenny,
Fraser's,	Sharpe's,
Godey's Lady's Book,	Temple Bar,
Good Words,	U. S. Service,
Harper's,	Westminster Review,

Eastern Papers.

New York Daily Times,	Boston Flag of our Union,
" Weekly Herald,	" Journal,
" Weekly Tribune.	" Waverly Magazine,
" Weekly World,	" Banner of Light,
" Journal of Commerce,	Philadelphia Saturday Ev'g Post
" Evening Post,	" Forney's Press.
" Staats Zeitung,	" Home Weekly.
" Ledger,	Hartford Times.
" Mercury,	New Hamp. Mirror and Farmer,
" Home Journal,	" Ind. Democrat,
" Weekly,	Bangor Courier,
" Army Journal,	Rhode Island Journal,
" Sunday Mercury,	Baltimore American,
" Sunday Times,	" Commercial,
" Despatch.	Washington Chronicle,
" Leader,	" National Intelligencer
" Albion,	Newark Sentinel,
" Clipper,	Ohio Statesman,
" Spirit of the Times,	" Cleveland Plaindealer,
" Irish American,	" Cincinnati Commercial,
" Scottish American,	Chicago Journal,
" Scientific American,	Missouri Republican,
" Independent,	" Democrat,
" Country Gent,	Louisville Journal,
" Etats Unis,	Knoxville Whig,
Buffalo Journal,	New Orleans True Delta,
Boston Post,	Detroit Free Press,
" Statesman,	Indiana State Journal,
" Gazette,	Portland Transcript.
" Transcript,	

Illustrated Papers.

London News,	Yankee Notions,
News of the World,	Nick Nax,
Times,	Budget of Fun,
Punch,	Comic Monthly,
Harper's Weekly,	Journal Amusant,
Frank Leslie's Weekly,	Journal Pour Rire.
Zeitung,	

Foreign Papers.

London Queen,	London Evening Mail,
" Spectator,	" Engineer,
" Saturday Review,	Liverpool Times,
" Examiner,	Glasgow Citizen,
" Era,	Dublin Nation,
" Field,	Toronto Globe,
" News of the World,	Le Siecle,
" Mining Journal,	Australian Files,
" Bell's Life,	Honolulu Advertiser.

Pacific Coast.

American Flag,	Spirit of the Times,
Alta California,	Stock Circular,
Evening Bulletin,	Sacramento Union,
Morning Call,	Stockton Independent,
Abend Post,	Marysville Appeal,
California Demokrat,	Nevada Transcript,
Courier,	Yreka Journal,
Voz de Mexico,	Trinity Journal,
L'Eco Sella Patria,	Humboldt Journal,
Nuevo Mundo,	Marin County Journal,
Chronicle,	Wilmington Journal,
Christian Advocate,	Colusa Sun,
California Farmer,	Chico Conrant,
California Leader,	Calaveras Chronicle,
Police Gazette,	San Andreas Register,
Home Journal,	Alpine Chronicle,
Californian,	Contra Costa Gazette,
Evangel,	Lyon County Sentinel,
Golden Era,	Oakland News,
Guide,	Pajaro Times,
Hebrew,	Petaluma Journal,
Hebrew Observer,	Solano Press,
Irish News,	Solano Herald,
Irish People,	San Jose Mercury,
Le National,	Santa Cruz Sentinel,
Mercantile Gazette,	Sonora County Democrat,
Scientific Press,	Territorial Enterprise,
New Age,	Virginia Union,
Pacific,	Gold Hill News,
Puck,	Oregon Statesman,
News Letter,	Salt Lake Union Vedette.

FOURTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND LIBRARIAN

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association

OF THE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO;

WITH

Statistics of the Institution from the commencement.

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1867.

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FOR 1867.

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President's Annual Report.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION :

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, chosen at the annual election held on Monday, January 15th, 1866, and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to present to you the Fourteenth Annual Report of the general doings of the Association, and some suggestions as to the means best calculated to promote its prosperity.

This report is at once our farewell and our inaugural. By your favor, all the Trustees who conducted the affairs of the Association during the past year, and who were willing again to act as such, have been re-elected, without opposition or dissent manifested at the polls ; and now commence the duties and pleasant responsibilities of another year. For the Board, and for myself, I sincerely thank you for the good will thus expressed ; and assure you that your generous confidence shall be one of our chief incentives to bring the important labors of the coming year to a successful conclusion.

MEMBERS.

The last annual statement submitted by our lamented President, Gerrit W. Bell, at the close of his term of office, reported as follows :

Life Members.....	117
Honorary Members.....	75
Subscribing Members.....	2,006

Giving a total at that time of..... 2,198

The whole number of members at present is as follows

Life Members.....	302
Honorary Members.....	76
Subscribing Members	1,420
Total.....	<hr/> 1,798

This apparent falling off in the number of subscribing members is due to the fact that just before the election of the year 1866, persons became members simply for the purpose of voting for candidates, and had no permanent interest in the Association, or expectation of continuing in it. The only advantage derived from such memberships was the payment into the Treasury of a considerable sum of money ; and this advantage was, in the judgment of all who participated in that election, of little benefit, and was, in fact, more than counterbalanced by the mischiefs arising from such a system of conducting our elections. At the last annual meeting it was recommended to amend the Constitution, so that no member should be entitled to vote at any election for Trustees unless his certificate of membership was dated at least thirty days previous to such election. This recommendation was adopted by the Association at a meeting held on the sixth day of December, 1866 ; and Article III, Sec. 1, of the Constitution was then amended, so as to give effect to your determination on this subject.

BOOKS.

The number of volumes reported at the last annual meeting was.....	19,711 Vols.
There have been added during the year by purchase	1,813
By donation.....	160
	<hr/> 1,973 “
Total.....	21,684 “
Less duplicate volumes sold.....	127
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Total volumes in the Library..... 21,557
showing an increase of 1,864 volumes during the year.

The whole number of volumes loaned during the year has been 54,389, classified as follows :

Romance	38,544
Travels.....	2,740
Biography	2,670
Belles Lettres.....	2,408
History	2,467
Science	2,148
Poetry	1,470
Miscellaneous	885
Religion.....	559
Bound Periodicals.....	498

showing an increase of 12,652 volumes over the number loaned the preceding year. This marked advance in the use of the Library by the members demonstrates the growing appreciation of its treasures. The volumes acquired by purchase during the year have been well and carefully selected by the Committee on Books, and among them are many standard and valuable publications ; yet there always has been, and is now, a great want of books of a scientific character. Our Library should be the source and means of acquiring or verifying the facts and principles of natural science and philosophy. The mining engineer, or student, should be enabled to find here a complete library of Geology, especially of that branch of the science with which the great source of our wealth is so intimately connected. The mechanic, the architect, the ship-builder, the artist, and professional man, should have the advantage of using here the standard books of reference on subjects connected with his calling. Of course the popular department must be filled and keep pace with the popular passion for light reading ; but I would suggest that in the future our Book Committees should make it a point to add each year to the Library more works of a scientific and technical character than heretofore, and which shall be preserved and used as books of reference only, in the Library Rooms.

The losses from stealing and mutilation during the year have been considerable, and especially in the Periodical Department. The standing reward of twenty-five dollars for the discovery of the depre-

dators has, as yet, failed to bring them to light. Recently, however, the Librarian has paraded the reward upon each pamphlet exhibited for use, by means of a large label, and with good results. The stealing and mutilation are diminishing somewhat. I would suggest the propriety of your exercising the utmost vigilance, in your visits to the Library, to observe if possible who are the thieving visitors.

ROOMS.

Much might have been done during the past year to add to the decent appearance, if not the comfort of the apartments now occupied by the Association. In view, however, of our comparatively short continuance here, it was thought best to expend as little of our means as possible, and reserve our permanent improvements for our own property. Before the present lease shall have expired, we shall, in all probability, be safely and permanently settled in our new building—under our own vine and fig-tree. And this leads me to the main subject of present interest—

THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

For many reasons, and after much deliberation, the Trustees selected the present site, on Bush street, between Montgomery and Sansom streets. The price of the lot was \$50,000, and has all been paid. The title is perfect, and the property is to-day worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000 more than was paid by the Association for it.

The plans finally adopted for the building were furnished by Messrs. Kenitzer and Farquharson, Architects of the highest standing in this city, and have already been exhibited to you. But it may, nevertheless, be of interest to furnish a brief description of them :

The new building will have a frontage on the north side of Bush street of sixty-eight feet nine inches, with a depth of one hundred and thirty-seven feet six inches. It will be three stories in height, with basement and attic.

The general arrangement contemplates a grand central entrance hall on the ground floor, with wide staircases leading to the Library,

the Reading Rooms, etc., on the first floor, and to a large Lecture Room at the rear of the building, extending the full height of the basement and ground story.

On the first floor is placed the Library, the Reading Room, the Reference Library, the Ladies' Reading Room and Parlor, and Trustees' and Janitor's rooms ; and on the second floor, the Chess and Smoking Room, the Writing Room, the Museum, the Store Room for Periodicals, etc.

The attic is arranged in suites of rooms, designed for offices, or chambers for members of the Association.

There will be two stores on the ground floor, one on either side of the main entrance ; and in the basement, under these and the entrance hall, there will be a Supper Room, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Rooms, Waiting Rooms, etc., in connection with the Lecture Room. The stores are each eighteen by fifty feet.

The Library will extend the full width of the front of the building ; be fifty-two by sixty-four feet, and twenty feet in clear height. The Chess Room, placed immediately over the Library, will be of the same size, and nineteen feet high. The entrance hall will be twenty-six by fifty feet, and nineteen feet high. The Lecture Room will be fifty-eight by seventy-four feet, and twenty-four feet high. The staircases throughout will be broad and easy of ascent, and with frequent landings. They are arranged nearly in the center of the building, and will be lighted by a ceiling light twenty by forty-five feet.

Care will be taken that all parts of the building shall be thoroughly ventilated. The heating will be by open fire-places ; but a hot air furnace room, with all the necessary flues, is provided.

The style of the façade will be modern Italian. It will attain a height of sixty-five feet to the top of the main cornice, and will be crowned by a Mansard roof and iron cresting.

It is intended that the whole of the first story front shall be of iron, together with the whole of the window dressings, coins, strings and pilasters of the rest of the front ; the plain surfaces to be finished in oil mastic. The interior finish will be of white cedar, kiln-dried and varnished ; and the doors, stair-finish, and book-cases, of black walnut.

Unless some unforeseen accident should occur to prevent, the next annual meeting will be held beneath the roof of this magnificent structure.

The outgoing Board of the year 1866 placed in the hands of the present Board a list of persons who had subscribed for life memberships, and of donations, amounting to \$20,057, the greater part of which has been collected and passed into the Building Fund. The Treasurer's Report shows in detail the present condition of the finances of the Association, and that they are in a satisfactory condition.

The Board of Trustees, in December last, negotiated a loan of \$100,000 from the Société Française d'Épargnes et de Prévoyance Mutuelle, upon the security of the lot and proposed building. This amount to be advanced as required, and to bear interest only as drawn.

The amount thus borrowed, together with subscriptions, donations, and life memberships, which may be expected, and are now progressing favorably, will furnish abundant means to complete the building and place us in it.

The income of the property, at the lowest estimated rates, will be sufficient to pay the interest on a debt of even \$100,000, and leave a balance of \$600 or \$700 per month as a sinking fund, which, together with life memberships and donations, will with sufficient rapidity extinguish the principal of the mortgage debt.

INSURANCE.

The books, fixtures, and other property of the Association are insured in the following Companies, and for the following amounts :

Pacific Insurance Company.....	\$15,000
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.....	10,000
San Francisco Insurance Company.....	5,000
Manhattan Insurance Company.....	5,000
North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.....	5,000
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Total amount insured.....	\$40,000

During the year, Mr. H. S. Homans, Corresponding Secretary, resigned, and Mr. Thos. R. Hayes was elected by the Board or Trustees to fill the vacancy thus created.

In November last, Mr. Daniel E. Webb, Librarian, resigned, and left the State. The Trustees elected Mr. A. Stebbins, Librarian, in his place; and Mr. R. S. Clark was appointed Assistant Librarian. The Trustees are well satisfied that the change has been for the benefit of the Association in every way.

The last annual election was held on Monday, January 28th, 1867, at which election the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year :

<i>President</i>	W. H. L. BARNES.
<i>Vice President</i>	ROBERT B. SWAIN.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	DAVID WILDER.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	THOS. R. HAYES.
<i>Treasurer</i>	WILLIAM C. RALSTON.

TRUSTEES.

WILLIAM G. BADGER,	GEORGE C. SHREVE,
ARTHUR M. EBBETS,	GEORGE A. LOW,
J. M. McNULTY,	H. H. BIGELOW,
WILLIAM E. WOOD,	EUGENE E. DEWEY,

FRANK B. REYNOLDS.

The year just gone, has left us many agreeable recollections. Our prosperity has been general and uninterrupted.

We have, however, experienced a deep loss in the sudden death of my predecessor in office, GERRIT W. BELL, Esq. This Association never had a better friend or more faithful officer. From the first year of its existence, his friendly face was familiar to its members; his counsels, often sought, were always prudent, and filled with an unfailing interest toward all that concerned its welfare and progress;

while his noble nature, his most remarkable genial manner and Christian graces, won him a multitude of friends in private life, and to-day surround the darkness of his grave with the auroral light of a sincere and lasting regret. He will be long remembered by the Association and his fellow citizens as a faithful public servant, a useful citizen, and a Christian man. May his example have many followers!

WILLIAM H. L. BARNES,

President.

Treasurer's Report

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31ST, 1867.

Cash on hand January 19th, 1866—

General Fund..... \$6,213 14

Building Fund..... 2,700 00

\$8,913 14

RECEIPTS.

Assessments from Members..... \$15,552 25

Initiation Fees, 254 new Members 508 00

Life Memberships, 178..... 17,800 00

Library Account—

Books paid for..... 67 27

Donation Account..... 270 00

34,197 52

Building Fund Account—

Transfer from Library Account ... \$2,000 00

Transfer from Donation Account . 270 00

Transfer from Life Membership Ac-
count..... 17,800 00

Sale of Building on Bush street... 1,083 75

Loan from French Loan Society.. 23,731 50

Rents of Bush street building 50 00

Loan from French Loan Society.. 5,000 00

49,935 25

\$93,045 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary Account—		
Librarian and Assistants.....	\$5,514	20
Expense Account—		
Rents, Fuel, Gas, etc.	6,439	49
Library Account—		
Books, Periodicals, etc., \$2,000 to		
B. F. Account	6,684	96
Printing Account—		
Annual Reports, etc.....	340	00
Furniture Account.....	21	25
Insurance Account—		
Forty thousand dollars on Library	506	05
Donation Account—		
Transfer to Building Fund Account	270	00
Life Membership Account—		
Transfer to Building Fund Account	17,800	00
Catalogue Account.....	93	50
	<hr/>	\$37,669 45
Building Fund Account—		
O. Eldredge, account of lot	\$35,000	00
D. C. McGlynn	1,600	00
Notary fees, surveying, and sundries	710	60
	<hr/>	37,310 60
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer—		
General Fund.....	\$2,741	21
Building Fund	15,324	65
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		<u>\$93,045 91</u>

W. C. RALSTON,
Treasurer.

Librarian's Report.

*To the President and Members of the
Mercantile Library Association :*

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully submit the following statement of the operations of the Library and Reading Room, from January 22d, 1866, to date.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES LOANED.

Romance	38,544	Poetry	1,470
Travels	2,740	Miscellaneous	885
Biography	2,670	Religion	559
Belles Lettres	2,408	Bound Periodicals	498
History	2,467		
Science	2,148	Total	<u>54,389</u>

This is an increase of 12,652 volumes over the number loaned the preceding year.

Number of volumes reported as in the Library last year 19,711

Number of volumes added to the Library :

Purchased 1,813

Donated 160

— 1,973

Total 21,684

Number of duplicate volumes sold 127

Total now in the Library 21,557

DONATIONS.

Books, etc., have been presented to the Association as follows :

HON. D. C. McRUER,	{	Message and Documents, 3 vols.
		Commerce and Navigation, 2 vols.
		Smithsonian Report.
		Report of War Department, 1 vol.
		Contested Elections, 1 vol.
		Commercial Relations.
		Report of Commissioner Internal Rev.
		Public Documents, 7 vols.
		Acts and Resolutions, 39th Congress.
HON. JOHN CONNESS, .		Public Documents, 22 vols.
ZENAS WHEELER,		Quartz Operator's Handbook.
HON. J. D. BALDWIN, .		Catalogue of Library of Congress, 1864.
JAS. T. DOYLE,		Cobbett's Parliamentary Debates, 46 vols.
S. C. BIGELOW,		Bust of T. Starr King.
RICHARD GIRD,		Map of Arizona Territory.
A. D. BACHE,	{	Report of Coast Survey, 1863.
		Report of Secretary Navy, 1865.
JNO. SWETT,	{	Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1864.
DR. R. W. WOOD, . . .	{	Practice of Physic, 1633.
		Rev. J. L. Porter's "Travels in Georgia, Armenia, and Persia," 2 vols. 4to.
A. McCARTNEY AND	{	Boswell's Johnson, 4 vols.
MOSES BRUHL,		Vanity Fair.
HON. J. R. BARTLETT,		Records of Rhode Island, vol. 10.
DEWEY & CO.,		File of "Mining Press," from July, 1865.
MERCANTILE LIBRARY	{	
ASSOCIATION, NEW		Catalogue, 1866.
YORK,		
I. E. ANDREWS,		Copy of N. E. Journal, April 8, 1728.
HORACE DAVIS,		Emile Souvestre, 2 vols.
J. G. FORMAN,		Western Sanitary Commission.
W. H. L. BARNES,		New Briton Guide.
J. N. HOAG,		Report Agricultural Society, 6 vols.
J. W. NYSTROM,		Technological Education.
CHAS. R. CLARKE,		New School Geography.
J. ROSS BROWNE,		American Family in Germany, 4 copies.

J. S. BUTLER,	{ De la verité de la religion chrétienne, 1582.
	{ Weld's Travels in North America, 1795- 96-97, 2 vols.
CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, {	Municipal Reports, City of San Francis- co, 1865-6.
PUBLIC LIBRARY, CITY {	Index of Catalogue of Books in the Bates OF BOSTON,..... Hall.
C. H. WAKELEE,.....	California Register, 1857 and 1859.
LAWRENCE & HOUSE- {	Thirty Photographic Views of Big Trees WORTH, and Yosemite Valley.
REV. H. A. SAWTELLE, ..	Polymetis, 1747. Quarto.

The several publishers of newspapers of this city and coast have kindly furnished us gratuitously with files of their publications.

The whole number of members at present belonging to this Association is 1,798, of which 302 are life members, 76 honorary members, and 1,420 subscribing members.

It will be seen that there is an apparent falling off in the number of subscribing members. This is merely the reactionary result of the energetic election fever of last year. By reason of the emulation displayed there were many individuals who became members at the expense of active partisanship, who never paid dues themselves, and never had more than a passing interest in the Association.

When their first quarter had expired these voters discontinued their connection with the Library, and were virtually never working men in the institution. The only benefit conferred on the Association by the increase of members as stated, was in the paying into the treasury of some thousands of dollars, which came from the generous disposition of the candidates rather than from the nominal members who received the consideration therefor.

By the payment of one hundred dollars each, the following named gentlemen have become Life Members since the last report :

Adams, W. J.	Aron, Joseph
Agard, W. B.	Atherton, F. D.
Alvord, W.	Averill, Anson

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| Baby, T. R. | Blackwood, W. |
| Bacon, Jacob | Bode, George C. |
| Badger, W. K. | Bond, Charles R. |
| Baldwin, A. R. | Boswell, L. B. |
| Banks, T. C. | Bradshaw, T. T. |
| Barker, T. L. | Bray, W. A. |
| Barroilhet, H. | Brewster, Benjamin |
| Barron, W. E. | Brooks, C. W. |
| Baugh, T. E. | Brooks, G. J. |
| Bell, G. W. | Brooks, Noah |
| Bensley, J. | Bull, Alpheus |
| Bermingham, J. | Burling, W. |
| Bichard, N. | |
| Campbell, J. W. H. | Crane, H. A. |
| Castle, F. L. | Crane, E. I. |
| Church, A. S. | Cronise, W. H. V. |
| Coghill, W. N. | Cummings, W. B. |
| Conklin, D. | Cunningham, F. |
| Coon, H. P. | Cutter, H. F. |
| Cox, M. B. | |
| Davis, Isaac E. | Dodge, H. L. |
| Day, Anna A. | Dodge, W. W. |
| Deering, J. H. | Donohoe, J. A. |
| Dewey, E. E. | Dore, Maurice |
| Dibblee, Albert | Doty, W. R. |
| Dick, David | Doyle, J. R. |
| Dick, S. W. | Doe, J. S. |
| Dickenson, O. | Duisenberg, Charles |
| Earl, John O. | Ellis, Moses |
| Eastland, J. G. | Elwell, D. A. |
| Eells, Jas. (D.D.) | Emeric, H. |
| Elam, R. H. | Emeric, J. |
| Eldredge, Oliver | |
| Farnum, Mrs. L. A. | Friedlander, I. |
| Forrester, H. B. | |

Gammans, G. B.
 Gawley, Wm. H.
 Gibbs, George W.
 Giffin, O. F.
 Grain, F. H.

Hall, E. F.
 Harris, A. H.
 Hartshorne, B. M.
 Hassey, F. A.
 Hawley, W. N.
 Hayward, A.
 Hickox, G. C.
 Hochofler, R.
 Hollub, A.

Johnson, J. C.

King, H. L.
 Kittle, N. G.

Ladd, W. F.
 Landry, N.
 Latham, J. K. S.
 Lee, H. C.
 Lewis, R. P.
 Linforth, J.

McCune, J. N.
 McLane, Louis
 McLean, John T.
 McMahon, F. P.
 McCreery, A. B.

Newhall, H. M.

Otis, James

Parker, George A.
 Parrott, J.
 Parrott, T.

Gray, Matthias
 Green, S. H.
 Greenhood, H.
 Grogan, A. B.

Hooper, J. A.
 Horn, B. C.
 Hosmer, Charles
 Howard, George H.
 Howard, H. O.
 Howes, E. K.
 Homans, H. S.
 Howes, George
 Howes, Jabez

Jones, M. P.

Knight, D.
 Knight, S.

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 Locke, S. M.
 Lord, C. P.
 Low, C. L.
 Lyons, John

Macondray, W. A.
 Marks, Edmund
 Marks, T. E.
 Maynard, L.
 Moody, J. L.

Patrick, J. C.
 Pease, E. T.
 Pinkham, Seth

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| Rakow, F. A. | Rice, D. W. C. |
| Ramsdell, B. H. | Roberts, J. B. |
| Rankin, Ira P. | Robins, J. J. |
| Raymond, George A. | Rogers, R. H. |
| Redington, J. H. | Roman, A. |
| Reynolds, F. B. | |
| Sanderson, George H. | Smith, Theodore E. |
| Sanderson, L. A. | Sneath, R. G. |
| Saunders, Jno. H. | Stevens, Levi |
| Scranton, C. E. | Stow, J. W. |
| Seligman, A. | Suydam, J. N. |
| Skae, John | Swain, R. B. |
| Taylor, Peter | Treadwell, L. L. |
| Underhill, Jacob | |
| Wakelee, H. P. | Weill, R. |
| Walrath, A. | Whitmore, H. M. |
| Watson, S. B. | Whittier, W. F. |
| Ward, George W. | Williams, H. B. |
| Weaver, P. L. | Wilmerding, J. C. |
| Weeks, E. J. | Woodward, W. A. |
| Weill, A. | |

TABULAR STATISTICS,

SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, IN JANUARY, 1853, TO JANUARY, 1867.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	Year.	Receipts.	Expenditures.
1853.....	\$10,858 50.....	\$10,726 51	1860.....	15,604 50.....	16,482 20
1854.....	13,387 30.....	11,838 02	1861.....	15,852 98.....	15,112 22
1855.....	9,015 85.....	8,747 96	1862.....	15,333 26.....	13,506 79
1856.....	10,300 00.....	8,989 27	1863.....	14,601 75.....	14,460 40
1857.....	11,777 87.....	12,474 73	1864.....	17,641 12.....	16,106 39
1858.....	12,089 15.....	11,704 09	1865.....	20,259 00.....	16,469 71
1859.....	16,854 82.....	19,045 16	1866.....	84,132 77.....	74,980 05

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH YEAR.

Year.	No. of Volumes.	Year.	No. of Volumes.
1853.....	1,500	1861.....	13,821
1854.....	2,705	1862.....	14,985
1855.....	3,315	1863.....	15,106
1856.....	3,833	1864.....	16,620
1857.....	6,135	1865.....	18,095
1858.....	8,447	1866.....	19,711
1859.....	10,066	1867.....	21,557
1860.....	11,485		

INCREASE OF MEMBERS.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH YEAR.

Year.	No. of Members.	Year.	No. of Members.
1854.....	392	1861.....	1,694
1855.....	552	1862.....	1,725
1856.....	550	1863.....	1,786
1857.....	1,250	1864.....	1,435
1858.....	1,176	1865.....	1,650
1859.....	1,319	1866.....	2,198
1860.....	1,817	1867.....	1,798

OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES TAKEN OUT.

Year.	No. of Volumes.	Year.	No. of Volumes.
1854.....	3,371	1861.....	31,955
1855.....	8,367	1862.....	31,464
1856.....	10,466	1863.....	35,702
1857.....	17,528	1864.....	40,136
1858.....	17,321	1865.....	41,737
1859.....	21,903	1866.....	54,389
1860.....	25,757		

EX-OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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<i>Vice President</i>J. P. Haven.	<i>Corresponding Sec'y</i> ... Dr. H. Gibbons.
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<i>Treasurer</i>W. R. Garrison.	
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<i>Assistant</i>	Daniel E. Webb.	<i>Janitor</i>	C. H. Canfield.

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<i>Librarian</i>	Horace H. Moore.	<i>Collector</i>	J. J. Tayker.
<i>Assistant</i>	Daniel E. Webb.	<i>Janitor</i>	John A. Haugh.

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LIST OF MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS.

MAGAZINES.

All the Year Round,	Galaxy,
American Journal of Horticulture,	Godey's Lady's Book,
Artizan,	Good Words,
Art Journal,	Hall's Journal,
Athenæum,	Harper's,
Atlantic,	Hunt's,
Annales des Mines,	Insurance Monitor,
Banker's, (American)	Journal Franklin Institute,
Banker's, (English)	Littell's Living Age,
Belgravia,	London Quarterly Review,
Bentley's,	“ Society,
Blackwood,	Mechanic's,
Braithwaite's,	Nature and Art,
British Trade Journal,	North American Review,
Builder,	North British Review,
Civil Engineer,	Once a Week,
Chambers' Journal,	Pacific Law Magazine,
California Teacher,	Pacific Medical Journal,
Contemporary Review,	Philosophical Journal,
Cornhill,	Phrenological Journal,
De Bow's Review,	Revue des deux Mondes,
Demorest's,	Revue Universelle des Mines,
Dublin University,	Sharpe's,
Eclectic,	Silliman's Journal,
Edinburgh Review,	Sixpenny,
Every Saturday,	St. James,
Fortnightly Review,	Temple Bar,
Fraser's,	Westminster Review.
Frank Leslie's,	

ILLUSTRATED PAPERS.

Australian News,	Fun,
Budget of Fun,	Harper's Weekly,
Comic Monthly,	Journal Amusant,
Frank Leslie's Weekly,	Journal pour Rire,

London News,
 London Times,
 Melbourne Post,
 Nick Nax,

Punch,
 Yankee Notions
 Zeitung.

FOREIGN PAPERS.

Australasian,
 Australian Files,
 Dublin Nation,
 Glasgow Citizen,
 Hawaiian Gazette,
 Honolulu Advertiser,
 Le Siècle,
 Liverpool Times,
 London Bell's Life,
 " Chemical News,
 " Era,
 " Examiner,

London Evening Mail,
 " Engineer,
 " Field,
 " Mining Journal,
 " News of the World,
 " Saturday Review,
 " Public Opinion,
 " Spectator,
 New Zealand Herald,
 Sydney Mail,
 Toronto Globe.

EASTERN PAPERS.

New York American Artisan,
 " Albion,
 " Army and Navy Journal,
 " Clipper,
 " Country Gentleman,
 " Courrier des Etats Unis,
 " Dispatch,
 " Evening Post,
 " Herald, (steamer)
 " Home Journal,
 " Independent,
 " Irish American,
 " Journal of Commerce,
 " Leader,
 " Ledger,
 " Mercury,
 " Round Table,
 " Scientific American,
 " Scottish American,
 " Spirit of the Times,
 " Staats Zeitung,
 " Sunday Mercury,
 " Sunday Times,
 " Times, (daily)
 " Tribune, (weekly)
 " Turf, Field, and Farm,
 " World, (weekly)

Boston Banner of Light,
 " Gazette,

Boston Flag of our Union,
 " Journal,
 " Post,
 " Transcript,
 " Waverly Magazine,
 Albany Journal,
 Buffalo Journal,
 Baltimore American,
 " Commercial,
 Bangor Courier,
 Cincinnati Commercial,
 Charleston Mercury,
 Chicago Republican,
 Columbus Statesman,
 Connecticut Courant,
 Detroit Journal,
 Dubuque Times,
 Indiana State Journal,
 Knoxville Whig,
 Louisville Journal,
 Memphis Argus,
 Missouri Democrat,
 " Republican,
 Mobile Register,
 National Intelligencer,
 Newark Sentinel,
 New Orleans Picayune,
 New Haven Palladium,
 Ohio Statesman,

Philadelphia Forney's Press,
 " Home Weekly
 " Saturday Evening Post,
 Pittsburg Gazette,
 Portland Transcript,

Rhode Island Journal,
 Richmond Examiner,
 Savannah Republican,
 Springfield Republican,
 Washington Chronicle.

PACIFIC COAST.

Daily Alta California,
 " Abend Post,
 " British Colonist,
 " California Democrat,
 " Courrier de San Francisco,
 " Dramatic Chronicle,
 " Evening Bulletin,
 " Evening Dispatch,
 " Grass Valley Union,
 " Marysville Appeal,
 " Morning Call,
 " Nevada Transcript,
 " " Gazette,
 " Oakland News,
 " Oregonian,
 " Sacramento Union,
 " Stockton Independent,
 " Times,
 " Trespass,
 Semi-Weekly Inquirer,
 Alpine Miner,
 Arizona Gazette,
 " Miner,
 American Unionist,
 Banner of Progress,
 Butte Record,
 Californian,
 California Farmer,
 Christian Advocate,
 Colusa Sun,
 Chico Courant,
 Calaveras Chronicle,
 Contra Costa Gazette,
 Clear Lake Courier,
 Columbia Citizen,
 Commercial Record,
 Deseret News,
 Elevator,
 Folsom Telegraph,
 Golden Era,
 Guide,

Hebrew,
 Hebrew Observer,
 Humboldt Journal,
 Irish News,
 L'Eco della Patria,
 Le National,
 Lyon County Sentinel,
 Marin County Journal,
 Mariposa Mail,
 Mercantile Gazette,
 Meadow Lake Sun,
 Mining and Scientific Press,
 Monitor,
 Montana Democrat,
 " Gazette,
 New Age,
 News Letter,
 Oregon Herald,
 " Statesman,
 " State Journal,
 Occidental and Vanguard,
 Pacific,
 Pacific Tribune,
 Petaluma Journal,
 Quincy Union,
 Rescue,
 Spirit of the Times,
 San Andreas Register,
 San José Mercury,
 Santa Cruz Sentinel,
 Santa Cruz and Pajaro Times,
 San Mateo Gazette,
 Solano Herald,
 " Press,
 Sonoma Democrat,
 Spectator,
 Salt Lake Union Vidette,
 Sonora Herald,
 Sunday Mercury,
 Temperance Banner,
 Trinity Journal,

Visalia Delta,
Vallejo Recorder,
Wilmington Journal,
Woodland News,

Woodbridge Messenger,
Weekly British Colonist,
Yreka Journal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. STEBBINS,
Librarian.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28th, 1867.

